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DEVELOPMENT METHODS ON OREGON FARMS

BOON OFFERED IRRIGATION FOR 300,000 ACRES

Experimental Farm May Be Established If Proper Action Is Taken.

(Special Journal Correspondence.)
 Corvallis, Or., Oct. 24.—It is within the possibility of the farmers of this section to enjoy the benefits accruing from experiments conducted at an experimental farm managed by the authorities of the state agricultural college, provided the ranchers, or the county court, or some responsible individuals, are willing to meet the conditions necessary to secure the establishment of such an enterprise.

President W. J. Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis headed a party of state and government experts in a tour of investigation throughout the eastern Oregon counties about a month ago, and in a letter received by E. B. Thomas, local manager of the Kerr, Gifford Hardware company, he states that it is very probable that one of these experimental farms will be located either in Sherman or Gilliam county.

These farms are to be installed in various sections of the wheat belt and experiments in dry farming are to be conducted to assist the farmers in making use to great advantage of their acreage, and to demonstrate that the farms of this section are generally too large, and that as good results could be obtained by having smaller farms, of which every acre available would be made to produce.

Since the visit of the distinguished party there has been considerable interest manifested in the enterprise and it is possible that the conditions laid down by President Kerr in his letter will be met. President Kerr states that the United States department of agriculture would no doubt cooperate with the state in the work and in the expense of maintenance. In order to get practical results the experiments are to be conducted on a large scale. Some of the conditions that will have to be met are: First, the securing of a tract of land, say of 150 acres or even 250, of average quality of soil, with some water for irrigation. Second, permanent improvements on the tract secured should be furnished by the county or some individual interested in the venture. In case the land is obtained the tract could revert to the donor at the conclusion of the work. If the land is obtained on a lease, it will be necessary for it to cover a period of 10 years or over. Otherwise no assistance can be obtained from the United States department.

It is important that the plans be completed as soon as possible, so that a full report of local conditions can be made at the next session of the state legislature, which would appropriate funds for conducting the experiments.

CHOLERA TAKES SCORES OF HOGS IN LANE COUNTY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Junction City, Or., Oct. 23.—Hog cholera has made its appearance in this section. The first instance was noted among the hogs belonging to J. E. S. Nielsen. He lost nine head. A few days later the herd of F. W. Thorn, who lives two miles from Mr. Nielsen, contracted the disease and 20 head were lost. At present, the plague is ravaging the large band of fat hogs belonging to Hon. C. W. Washburn. To date he has lost 34 head and more are dying every day.

The state veterinary surgeon was here a few days ago and he pronounced it to be cholera in its most violent form. He advised that all hogs having it should be killed and burned, which is now being done.

It is not known how the disease gained a foothold here, as there has been no foreign feed brought in.

250 DEER AND 100 BEARS THE RECORD IN JOSEPHINE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Grants Pass, Or., Oct. 24.—Both deer and bear are unusually plentiful in the Josephine county mountains this season. Almost every hunter that goes into the wilds returns with a full bag. Even the novice has no difficulty in killing the five deer that the law allows. The forest fires that have raged in many sections of the mountains have driven the deer and bear to the protected reserves, and here they have been killed by the score. Besides the 250 licenses has issued licenses to a number of non-residents. The latter were principally sportsmen from California. They came up here to enjoy some of the real sport that the mountains of Josephine afford.

Though deer and bear are found in almost every quarter of the county, there are a few favored districts. Grayback mountain, at the southern end of the county, and the Bear Camp country of lower Rogue river are the two best sections this season. In the Bear Camp country alone, in this district also about 100 black, brown and cinnamon bear have been killed.

Though there has been a heavy slaughter of deer, the hunters have had very few deer for the game laws, and very few violations have occurred. Now hunters have picked their game, choosing only the full-grown bucks and letting the does go. It is the general opinion of sportsmen that deer are becoming more plentiful in Josephine county, and this is attributed to the present game laws and their enforcement.

DIVORCE IS CLASSIFIED IN CRIME CATEGORY BY PRESIDENT FRENCH

Believes Education Will Eradicate Causes of Marital Misery.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Weston, Or., Oct. 24.—President Robert C. French of the Eastern Oregon State Normal school at Weston has some ideas on the divorce question which are about as inclusive as those of the famous Dr. Oesler as to who should be chloroformed. Professor French classes divorce with crime, or rather puts it at the lower end of the ladder of degradation by saying that "ordinarily leads to divorce." Therefore, following out Professor French's philosophy, a man or woman who commits murder and makes a habit of all the crimes in the calendar, including that of accepting money from the trustee, his moral depravity will finally become so great that he will not scruple to kick up a row with his wife and get a divorce from her.

But while Dr. Oesler offers no remedy but chloroform, Professor French is an optimist and proffers education, the further teaching of proper matrimonial ethics and laws of selection through the schools and colleges. The wisest, happiest and most lasting marriages, he says, are, and will be, those contracted through the influence of the public institutions of learning. Education must not only promote a proper choice in matrimony, but also preclude that laxity of morals which would culminate in the divorce court.

President French maintains a very strict but kindly and beneficent supervision of everything within the sphere of this great normal school. He is Napoleon in his realm, or rather a Teddy Roosevelt, toned down and multiplied by the power of 10 in the matter of human kindness. Night and day he watches every detail. He even sees to it that the cook at the dormitory has the roasts properly prepared, and the young men and women who get a few brief and blissful moments to go to town on the occasional errand seem also to have the president's approval, for they all look supremely happy.



Robert C. French.

DENOUNCE FAIR AT TOPPENISH

Indians Are Fleeced by Unscrupulous Whites, Says L. V. McWhorter.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 North Yakima, Wash., Oct. 24.—Serious complaint has been filed against the Indian fair, or potlatch, which was recently held at Toppenish, just inside the Yakima reservation in this county. L. V. McWhorter, who probably has had more experience with the Indians and kindred tribes have left other white men in the state of Washington, has prepared an open letter on the subject, which reads as follows:

"The great Indian potlatch, at Toppenish has closed. The rally blanketed visitors from the Umatillas, Nas Pares and kindred tribes. They saw Yakima awoke from the festivities to the wailing of the wolf at the door. The wretched white neighbors will consider some of the things which transpired during the two weeks of the potlatch. What was the result of this much-exploited fair? If for a social and moral betterment of society, it was a marked failure; but if for a barbarian revelry and a feast of indignities, it was a success, surely, it was an immeasurable success.

To one who has studied this phase of Indian life, the gathering was an orgy of debauchery and a disgrace. Firewater is the bane of the red man, and with a battery of rum bottles, flanked by a score of bootleggers, poor as long as he could raise a dime, felt no want for liquor. There were more drunken Indians there in one day than he ever did before at one time in his life. Old men, beary-eyed and staggering, young men, who were lowering in the mud were to be seen in numbers at all times. Nor were such scenes confined to the men alone. One intoxicated Indian was picked up on the streets, and thrust into the city jail to die.

Better Class Disgraced.
 The better class of Indians were disgraced. A Nez Perce pointing across the street to a white man, said, 'That woman said, that woman was drunk last night and her friends had to care for her.' Then, turning, he designated a young Indian, a mere boy, who had headed, was going to a pawn shop to redeem the hat which he had soaked for whiskey the evening before. At times this soaking business was carried to a finish. We saw an old Indian approach a broker with a good \$5 blanket in which he was offered a loan of 50 cents. The Indian refused and the broker, turning to us, remarked: 'Too soon, tinker, hold plenty of blankets last of da' week.' Doubtless this was the case. These human vampires get the Indian blanket and the rum-seller gets his last dollar, and the gathering is called a 'fair.'

One respectable old Indian said to us: 'I don't want to see no more potlatch, on our reservation, and they have seven saloons here. Our lands are being taken from us. We have no protection and they are ruining us. Just think of it! Seven saloons! Yes, seven saloons, but you poor, ignorant nature, you do not understand that these dens of vice are the business part of the city and are a necessary adjunct to its financial prosperity. The one church of the town is located out in the suburbs and there the right sort may gather at will.'

The complaint of the old Indian is unreasonable and ungenerous. What is an Indian for, if not for the white man to fleece? And after the white man fleeces the Indian, he is likely to get away with it. The Indian has a little 'chickamin' and is likely to get away with it. He can be 'fleece'd' than a fair, until odds if, penniless, he does have to travel a hundred miles or more to the valuation of the property. The amount the city is \$5,365,912 and the amount that must be raised by taxation is \$2,021,574.67.

WHAT YOU MAY GET IN JOSEPHINE.

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COMMERCIAL CLUB COMPLETE ROSEBURG'S EXHIBIT BUILDING

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Roseburg, Or., Oct. 24.—Roseburg's horticultural exhibit building has just been completed by the Roseburg Commercial Club. The building is located upon the Southern Pacific depot grounds, and is a fine example of modern architecture. It is a two-story building, with a large hall in the rear, and a number of smaller rooms in the front. The building is well lighted, and has a fine view of the city. It is a very desirable place for the holding of exhibitions, and is a great credit to the Commercial Club.

ESPEE WILL RUN INSTRUCTION TRAIN THROUGH WILLAMETTE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Corvallis, Or., Oct. 24.—What is said to be the most pretentious train of its kind ever operated over any railroad in the United States will be run by the Southern Pacific company through the Willamette valley, starting the first week in November. It will be a demonstration train, showing the latest methods in dairying, agriculture, horticulture and stock raising. The train will consist of seven or eight cars, and will be accompanied by a number of experts in the various fields. The train will stop at various points in the valley, and will give practical instruction to the farmers, dairymen and fruitgrowers.

SIDELINE STORIES OF GREAT NORTHWEST

FACILITIES ARE OUTGROWN.
 Forest Grove Faces Necessity of Erecting New Building.
 (Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Forest Grove, Or., Oct. 24.—This school district will be compelled to erect a new building before another year, there being 400 pupils enrolled at present and the seating capacity of the present building is only 250. The district board is now applying for a new building, and it is expected that it will be completed in the next few months.

TWO LADS KILL BIG BEAR IN THRILLING SHORT-RANGE FIGHT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Helena, Mont., Oct. 24.—While exploring a cave they had found in the rocky country near Craig last week, one of the sons of J. P. Wagner and another Craig had almost stumbled over a large fat black bear which had holed up for the winter. The boys beat a precipitous retreat from the pit, but when they reached the mouth of the cave they turned back and fired their guns into the blackness. The bear rushed out and after an hour's fight, during which the boys several times had very narrow escapes from being caught in the bear's clutches, it was killed.

The boys left Craig in the early morning to get a few grouse. One carried a shotgun and the other a revolver. After climbing the hills for several hours, without finding any birds, they came to a high steep slope, dotted with scrubby pine and a loose formation of rock. While rummaging around they found a small hole, just about large enough for a person to crawl in, but which seemed to open out. They determined to explore it, and crawled in and down and around and were plunged in darkness.

Finally one of the boys found some powder and lighting this for a torch led the way into the innermost recesses of the cavern. Suddenly the bear came in from the corner of the cave as a full-grown black bear watching their every movement. They turned and bolted and a moment's time was again at the entrance of the cave.

They were willing to fight brute in the open but not in pitch darkness. Turning their guns toward the mouth of the hole they fired into it. One of the boys fired a shot which struck the bear just strike the right angle of the wall and it ricocheted and struck the bear squarely.

The hide is a large one and particularly fine, and the meat was very tender and juicy.

PREMIER FRUITS BURNS' THIRST TO SPOKANE EARLY MAY BE SATISFIED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Lewiston-Clarkston Country 1,000-Gallon-an-Hour Spring Will Send Its Grapes, Peaches, Cherries, Considered for the City's Water Supply.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Burns, Or., Oct. 24.—The well drilling outfit of Swan & Smith has arrived at Burns and will go to work next week, drilling for water one and a half miles from town, at a spring that now flows 1,000 gallons per hour. The spring is 110 feet higher than the main part of town and has been examined closely by an expert in underground sources of water supply.

The water finds its way through a crevice in bed rock, and it is thought by the party who made the examination that if the bed rock is penetrated a plentiful supply will be found. The water is absolutely pure and six degrees warmer than other springs in the same range, indicating that it is of a subterranean nature.

With an adequate water supply Burns will be made one of the most beautiful little towns in the state.

The drilling machine is a large one and capable of going 2,000 feet. If a satisfactory flow is struck, work will be commenced immediately. A pipe water to Burns and a complete system will be installed both for fire fighting and domestic purposes.

LONG TOM RIVER, ONCE DECLARED NAVIGABLE, IS AGAIN A CREEK

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Monroe, Or., Oct. 24.—Long Tom river, a stream which a few years ago was declared to be navigable, over which one of the oldest drawbridges ever constructed was placed and upon the opening of which several thousand dollars was expended by the government, is again a quiet country creek. Bridge carpenters are at work building a solid bridge across old Long Tom, at the Pfronts lane, and the queer old drawbridge a few miles north is also a thing of the past.

Just why these things are so is not explained. The quantity of water is as great as is needed to carry on light boating, and the country through which this stream winds is large enough to support a line of freight boats. The citizens of this portion of the county, however, are enthusiastic over a road and have been for years and apparently are not able to see the benefits to be derived from an open waterway. The bridge is carrying the products of south Benton and northern Lane counties to market, at a minimum cost of transportation. It is almost a surety that within a year this waterway will again be opened to traffic, despite the fact that a railroad is now being constructed into this same section of the state. Just as soon as the larger ranches are divided into smaller holdings—and this is rapidly taking place—a greater number than ever will be heard by the man who can figure out another scheme to open the Long Tom river to navigation.

WILL WIPE OUT DEBT. TAX LEVY AT NORTH YAKIMA INCREASED TWO MILLS.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 North Yakima, Wash., Oct. 24.—In an effort to place the city of North Yakima on a cash basis, the tax levy has been increased from 11.3 mills to 13.65 mills. For a number of years the city has been accumulating a debt, and by placing the tax levy about 2 mills higher this year it is expected that the debt will be wiped out. The assessed valuation of the property in the city is \$5,365,912 and the amount that must be raised by taxation is \$2,021,574.67.

COMMISSION WILL MEET IN PORTLAND

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
 Salem, Or., Oct. 24.—The railroad commission will hold a hearing in Portland Wednesday, October 25, for the purpose of completing the task of taking testimony in the effort to determine the route of the Corvallis & Eastern railroad. At that time also the first facts upon which the valuation of the main line of the O. R. & N. is to be computed will be received by the railroad commission.

The old records of the Oregon Pacific company which constructed the Corvallis & Eastern railroad are not at hand, having been destroyed, so that the word of witnesses who disbursed the funds must be relied upon. Upon the old records of the O. R. & N. however, the commission depend for figures to determine the cost of original construction. The commission will also endeavor to get figures on the original cost of construction and also estimated cost of reproduction.

SURVEYORS WORKING ON MODOC EXTENSION

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Klamath Falls, Or., Oct. 24.—The Southern Pacific surveying party at work on the survey for the Modoc Northern railway, to run from Modoc in Modoc county, California, to connect with the California Northwestern railway in Klamath county, probably will be in Klamath Falls, Oregon, in a few days. Engineer B. F. Knowlton is in charge and is doing rapid work. Not a single mile has been encountered as yet, in securing an easy grade, with numerous curves, so that it is very probable that the first survey will be completed in a few days.

Just what course the line will take north from Tule lake into Klamath county is not known.

HOOD RIVER SALE. FORTY ACRES OF ORCHARD LAND CHANGES HANDS.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Hood River, Or., Oct. 24.—Forty acres of orchard land in young trees was sold for \$24,000 at Hood River yesterday by H. H. Hillman & Co. to parties in Minneapolis. The land was owned by H. H. Hillman and H. F. Davidson of the Davidson Fruit company of this city, and was sold for the highest price ever paid for orchard land in bearing. Messrs. Davidson and Hillman are the largest owners of orchard land in trees in the valley. The sale at high prices reported yesterday was a record for Hood River. The land was bought by S. P. Hoop of Portland man for \$23,000. Eight acres of Mr. Sanford's purchase are in bearing trees. The fishermen recently which also made this sale, states that the crop amounting to several thousand dollars, is reserved by Mr. Hoop.

CHANGING PHONE LINE. PACIFIC STATES HAS FORCE WORKING NEAR HARRISBURG.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Harrisburg, Or., Oct. 24.—The Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company has a large force of men at this place. They are changing the toll line between here and Junction City. The line at present passes through the bottom lands, and it is very hard to make repairs and it is the intention to have it follow the Lewis and Clark exposition in the winter. It is much easier of access. The intention is to put up a very substantial line which will need but little repair.

KLAMATH TEACHERS IN ANNUAL SESSION

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Klamath Falls, Or., Oct. 24.—The nineteenth annual teachers' institute at Klamath county is now in session. The instructors are Superintendent B. J. Robinson, North Bend, county, and President Harry M. Shafer of the southern Oregon state normal at Ashland. State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman will be here to give the closing address in our Educational System. All the teachers in the county are here and much interest is shown in the institute work.

LANE COUNTY WILL SEND DISPLAY OF TIMBER WEALTH.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Eugene, Or., Oct. 24.—H. W. Heyant, who got up the state's mineral exhibit at the Lewis and Clark exposition in 1907, was in Eugene today arranging to secure from this county materials for an exhibit of the state's timber at the Seattle exposition next year. Lane county is reputed to be the banner timber county in the state. Mr. Heyant expects to get more and better material from here than from any other county.

LANE COUNTY DISTRICT HAS MANY FINE HIGHWAYS.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Sweet Home, Or., Oct. 24.—Work on road building has been active in this county since the summer. The main roads between Lebanon and Sweet Home is