O. A. C. CORPS BAIT WITH ANECDOTES

New Phase of Demonstration Train Work Shown on Recent Trip; What Farming Experts Are Accomplishing in Oregon.

By F. D. P.

Among the several dozen things that people don't know about a demonstration train is the anecdote. Next to the Bull Run water supply the "that reminds me" is the most valuable asset of the demonstration train lecturer. Its the bait with which he lures the agrestic auditor into the murky depths of hortus cultura, agronomy, soil chemistry, dairying, poultrying and kindred subjects. Talk about stalking game in sunny Africa (pardon us, Italy)! the demonstration train lecturer, in the tongue of our vaudeville jokesmith, has him "backed off the map for keeps." You see, it is all in the open. There isn't any friendly foliage to hide the lecturer's "stalk." After he is introduced he assumes his position as near the center of the platform as possible; bows, smiles, voices a few pleasantries, and then drops the anecdote into the midst of the unsuspecting assemblage.

Sometimes the anecdote doesn't drop; in such contingencies the lecturer bides his time until the psychological moment, and makes another drop—but not with the same anecdote. The anecdote phase of the demonstration train tour requires extreme delicacy in handling—the lecturer can't ring in a repeater. If he does * * * Anyway it almost happened at Heppner on the recent trip of the O. A. C. instructors.

A Nifty Little Anecdote.

One of the lecturers had treasured a particular anecdote all the way from Portland. It was a nifty little anecdote—a regular harpoon of an anecdote. But it wasn't told. Just before the train reached Heppner the lecturer overheard somebody tell somebody else of how the rest of the party had had the guffaw on Professor "———" last year when the latter told that story that had been told on the same train at the same town the year before. You see, the reason the lecturer didn't use his treasured anecdote at Heppner on this last trip was because Professor Dash had used it last year.

Proselyting is the term which best describes the annual tours of the O. A. C. instructors. Each year they go among the farmers and tell them of the new discoveries along scientific lines of farming; give to them freely and gladly the results of costly, tedious experiments at the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis. Do these tours pay? This question was asked Dr. Withycombe by a member of the party who was making his first trip, and who was inclined to be cynical because of the comparatively small crowds.

Work Requires Time.

"Indeed they do," answered Dr. Withycombe. "Each year we note advancement in the sections where we have previously lectured or demonstrated. The work, however, requires time. The farmer has followed methods handed down by men whom he knew were successful tillers of the soil. And with the city man as well as the farmer, teachings that are to an extent revolutionary require time in adopting.

"One of the difficulties encountered in the teaching of scientific farming is the attitude of incredulity toward what is termed 'book farming.' It is hard to impress the fact that every recommendation made by us is the result of careful experimentation. It is obvious that we could not advocate any farming method that had not been carefully worked out at the O. A. C. experiment station at Corvallis. Then, too, many do not realize that methods which were successful 25 years ago cannot be applied under present soil conditions."

These O. A. C. experiment station professors impress you instantly with their intense enthusiasm. The inflection of the voice, the sparkle of the eye, when talking of the farming possibilities in Oregon, lend to their words a magnetic quality that is irresistible. It is the Oregon of 25 years hence that these professors see—an agricultural empire. The barren hills of sage brush, where tens of thousands of acres are now wasting, spell increased acreage to them. If you ask, they will submit statistics showing what scientific farming will do for any section of untillable land in Oregon. They know the soil of each section and its capabilities. They know what crops are best adapted.

Not a Romantic Mission

Their's is a work that appeals to few. It isn't romantic; not even exciting; absolutly uninteresting to many of us. Who wants to listen to heavy talks or read articles on dirt and cows and chickens? It is much more exciting to witness a musical comedy or to read a stirring magazine serial. Certainly, it is not considered "live news," so you don't read much about it in the newspapers. But the work goes on year after year; the work that means more dollars with which to buy newspapers, magazines and musical comedy.

Next year the O. R. & N. Co. will send out one of the most elaborate demonstration trains ever seen in the Pacific Northwest. The train will make a tour of the entire state, stopping at every town within easy access of the farmer. Demonstrations will be given of every new method of scientific farming.

Personnel of the Party.

Only lectures were given by the O. A. C. instructors on last week's trip through the counties of Gilliam, Sherman and Morrow, the special train not carrying any demonstrating apparatus. The special was under the supervision of A. A. Morse, whose official title, when he is not making friends for the O. R. & N. by conducting special trains, is special representative of the freight department. Mr. Morse's staff of lieutenants on the demonstration train were H. J. Leonard, Portland livestock agent; Guy L. Anderson, private secretary to General Traffic Manager Miller, and H. C. Oliver, traveling freight agent for the O. R. & N. It is said that there are not 20 persons in Oregon that the traveling freight agent doesn't know. He was found on the recent trip.

D. O. Lively, general agent for the Portland Union Stockyards company, was in the party and spoke at each of the towns visited. Philip Bates, editor of the Pacific Northwest, was a member of the party; N. C. Maris, editor of the Rural Spirit, and R. G. Calivert, staff correspondent of the Oregonian. F. C. Allen was the photographer.

The O. A. C. professors who made the tour were: Dr. Withycombe, director of the Oregon experiment station; C. A. Cole, assistant to Prof. C. I. Lewis, horticulturist; James Dryden, poultry husbandman; H. D. Scudder, agronomist; C. E. Bradley, chemist; F. L. Kent, dairy husbandman. Byron Hunter, assistant agriculturist of the United States bureau of plant industry at Walla Walla, Wash., accompanied the party.

Engineer E. H. Rorick handled the special on its entire trip. The train was in charge of Conductor Frank Clock.

PROSELYTING IN OREGON

Members of the party accompanying the O. R. & N. demonstration train on its tour this week through the counties of Gilliam, Morrow and Sherman. Reading from left to right, bottom row—the two Pullman porters, Guy L. Anderson, private secretary to General Traffic Manager Miller of the O. R. & N. company; N. C. Maris, editor of the Rural Spirit; W. J. Leonard, Portland livestock agent for the O. R. & N.; Fred D. Pasley of The Journal; H. C. Oliver, traveling freight agent for the O. R. & N.; Professor C. A. Cole, assistant professor in horticulture at O. A. C.; Professor C. E. Bradley, chemist. Top row, from left to right —Byron Hunter, assistant agriculturist of the United States bureau of plant industry at Walla Walla, Wash.; R. G. Callvert, staff correspondent of the Oregonian; Phillip Bates, editor and publisher of the Pacific Northwest; Professor James Dryden, poultry husbandman at O. A. C.; Professor H. D. Scudder, agronomist; Dr. James Withycombe, in charge of the experiment station at O. A. C.; Professor F. L. Kent, dairy husbandman; A. A. Morse, special representative of the O. R. & N. freight department, who conducted the tour of the demonstration train; D. O. Lively, general agent for the Portland Union stockyards. Photo by F. C. Allen of Portland.

FINEST FAIR OF THEM ALL

Hood River's Ninth Apple Show Closes at Midnight —Prizes Awarded.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Hood River, Or., Oct. 30.—Five hundred Portland people visited Hood River's ninth annual apple show here today. Several hundred people from The Dalles and other points were also in attendance. The weather has been ideal and the fair is declared to be the greatest success of any yet held here. It closes at midnight.

Professor H. E. VanDeman, Washington, D. C., says it was the hardest task he ever undertook to distribute the awards on account of the close competition among all growers. The awards were as follows:

Best general display, 10 boxes or more, cup, first, F. C. Dethman; second, Miss A. M. Spring. Best five box display, cup, first, A. Hukari; second, B. E. Van Vorhees. Best box four tier Spitzenbergs, cup, first, J. L. Carter; second, E. I. Apgar. Best box 3 or 3½ tiers Spitzenbergs, single box, first, Peter Mehr; second, J. L. Carter. Best box four tier Yellow Newtown, cup, first, N. W. Bone; second, Myron Bruner. Best 3 or 3½ tier, Yellow Newtown, cup, first, L. E. Clark; second, W. W. Foss. Best box Ortleys, cup, first, Lawrence & Smith; second, Peter Mehr. Best box Arkansas blacks, cup, first, E. R. Pooley; second, C. H. Sproat. Best box Johnathans, cup, first, Graff Bros.; second, George Shepard. Best box Baldwins, cup, first, J. Margullis; second, F. C. Dethman. Best general plate display, cup, first, J. L. Carter; second, F. Fenwick. Best plate display pears, cup, J. L. Carter. Special cups given by Steinhardt & Kelley for best two boxes Spitzenbergs, George Eaton. Best Yellow Newtowns, two boxes, H. R. Albee. Best pack, five boxes, C. Dethman.

The following received medals: H. R. Albee, Ben Davis, F. W. Jackson, Delicious; R. W. Stebbins, Genetens; George Shepard, Hydes King; J. L. Carter, King Tompkins County; Captain James Watt, Northern Spy; F. E. Deem, Mammoth Black Twig; J. L. Carter, Roxbury Russett; Epping & Rapies, Rhode Island Greenings; John Hackel, Swaar; J. L. Carter, Wagoner; L. E. Clark, Winesap; D. E. Miller, Winter Banana; L. E. Clarke, Red Cheek Pippin.

A. P. Bateham of Mosier acted as judge of the packs for the Steinhardt & Kelley awards.

A car of 600 boxes is now being packed for the Chicago exhibit. They will go forward Monday. J. A. Wilson and S. G. Campbell will accompany the car and arrange the display.

The University club is holding a banquet tonight, over 100 being present. Mount Hood Hotel is decorated with autumnal leaves for the occasion. Many Portland people are honorary guests at the banquet.

Death of James A. Freeman.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Lebanon, Oct. 30.—James A. Freeman of Crabtree, northeast of this place, died Sunday in St. Mary's hospital in Albany. He had been an invalid for years. He was a native of Ireland, 48 years old and had spent most of his life in Oregon. He is survived by his uncle, James Freeman of Crabtree, who is his only relative. The deceased was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church of Albany, which conducted the funeral services.

IMPROVEMENT OF WATERS THE CRY

Big Attendance Is Promised for Rivers and Harbors Congress in December.

By John E. Lathrop.

Washington, Oct. 30.—The Pacific coast has one good friend in the person of John A. Fox, who often visits Portland, and who has just returned from there. He is the special director of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, which will hold its sixth national convention in this city, December 8, 9 and 10, and is enthusiastic over the prospects for the biggest gathering of waterway advocates this country has ever seen. Mr. Fox, who is an engineer of distinction, having been connected with many of the big waterway projects of the country, is just completing a tour of the United States in the interest of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, whose cardinal plank is "a policy and not a project" so far as the waterways of the United States are concerned. Mr. Fox, who is an earnest advocate for a bond issue of $500,000,000 to be spent upon the rivers, harbors and canals of the United States to make them equal of the best in Europe said, speaking of his tour of education for better waterways:

Made Same Tour as Taft.

"I have just completed practically the same circuit of the United States that President Taft is now making, having traveled over 15,000 miles since going south out of this city last December. It took me down the Atlantic seaboard to Florida, through the southern states to the Mexican border on the Rio Grande, up the Pacific coast states from San Diego on the south to Bellingham on the north of Puget sound, back through the valley of the Columbia and Missouri rivers, east along the lakes, down to the Ohio and Tennessee rivers and now again to the Atlantic seaboard.

Pacific Harbors Need Attention.

"Throughout that entire journey the pulse of the nation has been quickened for a bigger, better and broader system of waterway improvement. The Pacific coast harbors need immediate appropriations from congress to deepen them and provide for commerce through the Panama canal. San Diego, Los Angeles, Oakland, Eureka, Portland, Gray's Harbor, Tacoma and Seattle must be provided for more liberally in the future if the western coast is to reap the full benefit of the great Isthmian cut now being made. The Sacramento and San Joaquin, the Columbia and Snake rivers on the western slope traverse a country that is developing too fast to wait for appropriations made in the old manner. They must receive larger amounts from congress if the country is to receive any marked benefits.

Water Transportation Needed.

"The great region adjacent to the Missouri river in Montana, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri is awakening from the desert, like a hugh giant under the wonderful touch of irrigation, and that magnificent artery of traffic can no longer be allowed to remain unused and unserviceable when the farmer in that railroad-bound empire is paying 17 and 18 mills per ton per mile to move his product that could, by a judicious expenditure of money on the great river, be moved for two and one half mills at most by water.

Need $50,000,000 Annually.

"The people along the Ohio, the Tennessee and the upper Mississippi rivers are clamoring for relief through adequate water transportation, and if every member of congress could have heard the unanimous cry that I have listened to, during my 15,000 mile tour, for larger and more regular appropriations on the part of congress for a businesslike development of our great arteries of traffic, I am sure that relief would be provided, and that quickly. From all that I have gathered throughout this tour I judge that the meeting of the National Rivers and Harbors congress to be held in December will be attended by fully 5000 of the best business men of the country, bent on securing favorable legislation for our river and harbor improvement at the coming session of congress. Fifty million dollars annually must be provided for, and if current revenues do not warrant such an expenditure, then we must issue bonds and begin this great work at once."

LAY CORNERSTONE AT BAKER CITY

New Federal Building to Be Rapidly Built—Citizens Pleased.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Baker City, Or., Oct. 30.—The cornerstone of the new federal building at Baker City was laid this afternoon at 3 o'clock with brief ceremonies. Many citizens gathered to witness the exercises and place articles in the box. Copies of local papers, letters from business firms and various articles were included in the collection. A brief speech was made by C. A. Johns, after which the stone was put in place. There is much rejoicing on the part of local people, who have worked hard for years to secure the building. The citizens, who contributed a large sum toward the purchasing of the site, are glad the building is being erected.

LIST OF MALHEUR'S ASSESSABLE PROPERTY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Ontario, Or., Oct. 30.—The county assessor of Malheur county has completed the summary of the tax assessment for this year, and it shows that valuations in the county have increased during the past 12 months more than $2,000,000. The board of equalization has been in session at Vale for the past week, but their labors are not yet completed, and the summary may have some slight changes made in it, but not enough to change materially the figures as presented by the assessor to the board this week. Valuations in the town of Ontario alone amounted to $468,895. The complete summary follows:

Cultivated lands, 26,275.29 A.	$1,675,065
Uncultivated, 88,948.39 A.	1,483,100
Non-tillable, 448,197.78 A.	561,265
Improvements on deeded lands	162,955
Town lots	348,095
Improvements on town lots	164,305
Impr'vm'ts on lands not deeded	12,875
Railroad, telegraph, telephone line, etc., 294.80 miles	333,130
Rolling stock	26,390
Stationary engines, etc.	29,275
Mdse., stock in trade, etc.	121,165
Farming implements	56,305
Money, ntoes and accounts	69,285
Household furniture, etc.	55,610
Horses and mules, 8208 head	273,140
Cattle, 24,258 head	418,000
Sheep, 160,799 head	497,335
Swine, 884 head	4,420
Bee hives, 1060	1,060
Total	$6,291,775

GENERAL FUNSTON'S LITTLE SON DEAD

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Oakland, Cal., Oct. 30.—Arthur McArthur Funston, the 8-year-old son of General Frederick Funston, died in this city early today. The child had been ill with whooping cough for a week. Yesterday morning his case became serious. He had been staying with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Blankart, on Tenth avenue. His mother left last week to join her husband, who is at Fort Leavenworth.

Mrs. Parkinson's Identity Certain.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Goldfield, Nev., Oct. 30.—Anna R. Sopp Parkinson, who shot and killed Webb Parkinson, her husband, here Thursday, is still alive, but the doctors say that there is no chance for her to recover. She is dying of a self-inflicted wound. There is no doubt as to the identity of the woman. It is known here that she is the woman with whom Parkinson lived at Berkeley, Cal. She has been positively identified and is well known here as Anna R. Sopp, in whose name Parkinson took out a marriage license at Berkeley a year ago last May.

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