

GOOD ROADS AND FARMS PRECEDE GOOD CITIZENS

Such is Order of Benefits to Country Says Professor Parks, of Oregon Agricultural College.

"Good roads, good farms, good people—that," said Professor H. M. Parks of the Oregon Agricultural college yesterday, "is the order in which benefits to the country come. I never find good farms unless good roads have first been built, and I always find the people much like the kind of soil. You can provide the richest kind of soil and the finest kind of opportunities, yet if the roads are not good the country will appear run down and the people shiftless."

Professor Parks spent a few hours in Portland yesterday. In behalf of the campaign for better built highways, he is making close examination of the road building material naturally possessed by all the counties of western Oregon. He has already been over Marion, Tillamook and Lincoln counties. Lane, Multnomah, Clackamas, Yamhill, Washington, Polk and Benton counties will next be visited. The southern Oregon counties, Douglas, Josephine and Jackson, will be investigated later in the list.

Favor Good Roads.
"I found a wholesome enthusiasm in favor of good roads wherever I went," said Professor Parks. "The progressive people realize that a well developed country without permanently constructed roads is impossible. The roads in Lane county I found worst of all, yet there is a strong road building sentiment which promises a transformation in the near future."

"My work is to locate the places where road building material may be had. I find a fine quality of basaltic rock generally scattered through the foothills, and comparatively easy of access from any part of the county. The coarse gravel of the river bed is also of basaltic nature, and is fine for roads, providing it is crushed. I have been able to find quarries where road building rock may be obtained that no one knew of. This was particularly the case in the northern part of Marion county, where I found basalt that none knew existed."

"There is first class road building material sufficient in western Oregon to construct the finest system of roads in the United States. No investment will be more immediately profitable to the people than the immediate building of good roads."

French at Work.
In order that the work which he has planned for may be carried to a successful conclusion within three months Professor Parks has appointed his assistant, S. W. French, to examine part of the counties while he travels over the remainder. The expenses are being paid by the business men of the county in which he happens to be making investigations. He expects in three months to issue a bulletin stating just where in each county road building materials may be obtained, in what amounts, and what will be the cost of transportation. The explanations will be accompanied by descriptive maps.

MICHIGAN STIRS WITH INSURGENCY

Leader Like Dolliver or Bristow Would Make State Potential Force in Nation.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 20.—There is insurgency in Republican Michigan, insurgency which blindly is seeking a way to register its will.

It is not dominant in the lake state, as in Iowa and Kansas, largely because it has no such leader as Dolliver, or Cummins, or Bristow. But it is a great potential force, which will manifest its presence in national and state politics and which needs only a leader to wield a significant influence upon the destiny of the state and party.

Without it is a discriminating insurgency, not attacking standpoint office holders because of their support of or alliance with Cannon and other "isms" charged against the regular wing of the party, but picking out from among them men whose records show honesty and integrity—such men, for instance, as Denby of Detroit and Hamilton of Miles—and opposing almost general party suggestion to prevent their return to congress.

Michigan Insurgency Defined.
Insurgency in Michigan resembles insurgency in every other middle western state. It differs in one or two respects and in volume, but the average intelligent voter with such a political tendency will express here practically the same view as a man of equal intelligence and like tendency in Indiana, Iowa or Kansas.

In the south there is more complaint about the tariff and the high cost of living than there is in the central part of the state and in the upper peninsula. But everywhere there is the feeling that President Taft failed to make good on the tariff, irrespective of the results of the operation of the Aldrich law, which have been dinned into the ears of the voters of the state, and there is dissatisfaction with the way in which the tariff laws have been made.

In a word, the feeling is to a large extent that "the interests" and not the people have been the chief beneficiaries from the method heretofore observed of enacting tariff legislation, and a change is wanted.

Woman Dies of Shock at Grave.
St. Louis, Aug. 29.—Dirt rattling on the coffin containing the body of her lifelong friend and neighbor so shocked Mrs. Evelyn Roumney that she fainted at the graveside and three hours later died of grief. Mrs. Roumney was attending the funeral of Henry David, a tobaccoist. Fainting in the arms of her husband, Charles Roumney, a harnessmaker, Mrs. Roumney was lifted into a surrey and hurried to a sanitarium. She did not regain consciousness.

The other day 26 commercial travelers arrived in Eugene on one train, and the Guard tells of their all riding to a hotel at once in its bus. That hotel must have a big one, or else this is a big story.

FEDERAL PROBE FOR SCHEFFELS

Uncle Sam Investigates Method of Brokers Under Fire—Bank Certifies Checks.

(By the International News Service.)
New York, Aug. 20.—Federal agents have almost completed an investigation of the stock selling methods of B. H. Scheffels & Co., whose offices were besieged on Friday by an excited crowd that had heard that the National Reserve bank refused to certify Scheffels' checks.

The government inquiry is said to have been prompted by letters calling attention to the Scheffels' "market letter" and the Mining Financial News of which Graham Rice is editor, and in which the golden prospects of Rice's pet mining ventures are exploited.

As soon as the doors of the National Reserve bank were opened a crowd of messenger boys rushed in with Scheffels' checks. As fast as they were presented the paying teller certified them. "This is nothing but a conspiracy to depress the price of stocks in which we have dealt to a considerable degree," said Scheffels.

"Who are the conspirators?" asked a reporter.

Mr. Scheffels merely waved his hands and retreated to his desk. No member of the firm appeared willing to describe any details of the plot, except that it was engineered by a certain clique of brokers who acted for rival mining companies.

First Vice President Lewis of the National Reserve bank said that all the Scheffels' paper presented to the bank had been promptly paid off.

I. W. W.'S WOULD CUT LABOR SUPPLY

Lack of Harvest Hands Distress Inland Empire Farmers—Wheat Yield Good.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Spokane, Wash., Aug. 20.—The most optimistic expectation of the farmers in central and eastern Washington is apparently exceeded by the wheat yield throughout this section. According to reports from various parts of the country, about the lowest yield in wheat yet threshed is about 15 bushels to the acre, and runs from there up to 30 and 35. Farmers are greatly distressed over the marked shortage in harvest help. Organizers of the Industrial Workers of the World have invaded the wheat fields, prevailing upon hired harvesters to refuse to work for less than \$2 a day and 25c. The average wages where their strength is not shown is about \$2.50. Many rush orders for scores of men are being received daily by employment agents, the farmers specifying that members of the I. W. W. are not wanted.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IS OPPOSED TO PICTURES

(By the International News Service.)
Dublin, Aug. 20.—The Catholic church has started a crusade against the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures. On their first production in Ireland today the Archbishop of Dublin protested to the mayor. The campaign will be organized and pushed in England as well as in Ireland.

SPOKANE PEOPLE TO BE BENEFITTED

Twenty-Four Holders of Timber Claims Sold Reside in Inland Empire.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 20.—Out of \$225,000 paid out by S. Grath and father, the millionaire lumber manufacturer of Michigan, for 61,000 acres of timber land near Medford, Or., between \$60,000 and \$70,000 comes to Spokane and adjacent territory, where 24 of the claim holders reside.

Attorney Walter Brann, San Francisco, represented Grath and father in making the deal, the consummation of which required over two months' steady work in preparing the deeds and clearing the titles. The parties interested in the sale of the land took up the same seven years ago under the timber and stone claim acts, with the understanding that all should stand together, holding land until a purchaser for the whole vast tract was found. In this way many received considerable more than they could through independent sales, as it is said much of the land will be practically valueless after the timber is removed. The price paid amounts all the way from \$9 to \$25 per acre. The Graths will build sawmills to handle the lumber in the tract, it is stated, as Hill's Deschutes line parallels the greater part of it, affording good shipping facilities.

Gervais Star: The whistle of the threshing engine and also the hay balle's whistle are heard all about us, sometimes awakening the echoes when many people have gone to bed.

DEALERS AWAIT ACTIVE SEASON

Lumber Men Expect Next Few Months to Show Revival in Demand.

Lumber dealers expect that a marked revival in the demand from rail points will soon follow the usual midsummer quiet, the effects of which mills in this district as well as elsewhere have felt for the past two months. A good fall trade is expected.

At the meeting of the Oregon and Washington Lumber Manufacturers' association yesterday afternoon it was stated that the stock on hand has decreased materially during the past four weeks, partly due to the closing down of the night shifts at a number of the large plants and partly due to increased demand. The demand for flooring and finish lumber is said to be considerably improved already, but common lumber is still moving slowly.

MAN EATS SIXTY-ONE EARS OF CORN IN 3:05

New York, Aug. 20.—Ed Rosenstein, former assemblyman on the east side, celebrated his forty-sixth birthday at 131 Broome street. He gathered all the corn he could—some 8000 ears. For 24 hours it was a corn eating contest, and all the afternoon the neighborhood and east side politicians gathered. These are hard days for the east side politicians and the cornfest was a bit of merriment from the wreck. There were corncobs and husks over

BURBANK OFFERS 2 NEW PEACHES

Expert Says New Crawford-Muir Blends Have Highest Economic Value.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Berkeley, Cal., Aug. 20.—Luther Burbank has added two horticultural masterpieces to his innumerable creations, according to Professor E. J. Wickson, dean of the University College of Agriculture and close friend and champion of the Santa Rosa man. He predicts that the new Burbank peaches, which combine the best qualities of the famous Crawfords and Muirs, will be of the greatest economic value.

Specimens of the peaches have been sent to Professor Wickson for examination and he praises them highly. One variety carries into the Crawford the harder and sounder pit of the Muir, while retaining the high color, juiciness and deliciousness of the former. The other specimen retains the core free from the pit of the Muir, with an improvement on its flesh and flavor. Professor Wickson has written to Burbank praising him for his new fruits and gives a technical account of the new peaches.

Mutilate Body of Deer: Fined.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Forest Grove, Or., Aug. 20.—Harvey Baldwin, a prominent young business man of this city, was arrested for mutilating a deer he had killed last week. In such a manner that the sex of the animal could not be determined. He pleaded guilty to mutilating the animal, but not that it was a doe. Justice Wirtz fined him \$50 and costs. This is the first case in the state where a test has been made of finding a hunter for mutilating the carcass of a deer for the purpose of hiding its sex, and State Game Warden Stevenson of this city is much pleased at the outcome of the trial.

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the floor to a depth of several inches. At 4:45 p. m. a corn eating contest was started. Arnsstein, off duty, was in the contest. He ate 61 ears, when at 7:50 it was declared off. William Schwartz ate 51 ears and "Red" Dugan 50. The policeman received first money, \$10, and Schwartz second money, \$5. Dugan failed because he did not reach his record of last year. He protested first and second money awards on the ground that neither of his competitors "ate close."

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