

PEOPLE OF OREGON  
FARMERS AS A CLASS  
FARM EDUCATION

Pitiable to See Husky Country Boy Wasting Time in City at Nominal Salary, Says Withycombe of O. A. C.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Roseburg, Or., July 1.—That agricultural education is the hope of the farmer, and that knowledge nowhere brings more potent results than on the farm, was the contention of Dr. James Withycombe, director of the Oregon Agricultural college experiment station, in an address before the second annual chautauqua at Roseburg yesterday.

"The highest success in production cannot be achieved without an intelligent grasp of the fundamental principles of crop production," he said. "Thus education of the proper class is indispensable for the highest success in the field of agriculture."

"It is fortunate indeed that the one time popular prejudice against higher education for the farmer is rapidly disappearing. This is plainly shown by the reports of the United States commissioner of education for the seven years preceding 1909 showing an increased enrollment in the various courses of agricultural colleges—48 per cent in the engineering courses and 18 per cent in the courses in agriculture."

Should Teach Farming in Grades.  
"This excellent showing made by our agricultural colleges should be supplemented by our primary and high schools. It is here where the real foundation must be laid for a successful agriculture. The public school must become the recruiting ground for the farm. Vocational training should become an active factor in our public school work."

Oregon Country Neglected.  
"Oregon is preeminently an agricultural state, a land rich in the opportunities for profitable farming, yet our towns and cities are largely congested and the country woefully neglected. There are in Oregon, according to the last United States census, 45,128 farms, representing a population of about 225,000 people, or less than the population of Portland. If Oregon were strictly a manufacturing state, its large city and town population would be warranted, but instead agriculture is really the great field of endeavor. The country cannot hope to come fully into its own until more of our country boys are impressed with the opportunities presented by the farm. A potent factor in opposition to rural development is the altogether too frequent inefficiency of the country school. Many well-to-do farmers, in an effort to educate their families, move to cities where they can secure the death knell of the family interest in country life. It is really pitiable to see the sons of former prudent, thrifty farmers filling commonplace positions in town at nominal salaries when, if taught in the country, they would fully the dignity and honor of the position of a truly modern agriculturist they might have been in the country as men among men."

City Country Boy in City.  
"There is no intended reflection upon the thoroughly up to date professional or business man of the city, but the country boy who is inefficient, but who to do city stunts is to be pitied. Frequently parents are to blame for the want of due respect and appreciation for their profession, for farming indeed is a noble and the most ideal art, but the sweetest science. There is no place in all the realm of human activities where a combination of labor and learning is more essential than upon the farm."

Consolidation of Rural Schools.  
"Let us search diligently for the apparently occult influences which cause the abnormal influx from country to city if it be our schools let us without delay set about to make the proper correction. If the consolidated rural school is the solution to the problem let us by all honorable means speed the day of these consolidations. If the country high school is the solution, let us have the high school, for the initial cost of such schools, high as it may be, is amply repaid financially to the value of a strong, virile, patriotic agriculture to any community. It has been rightly stated that all wealth comes from the soil, but without a general and proper understanding of the possibilities of the soil but a relatively small proportion of wealth can be gotten therefrom."

Agricultural Optimism Needed.  
"What is really needed is a more general enthusiasm and agricultural optimism among the farming population. Farmers should have a greater estimation and keener appreciation of their vocation. So long as the farmer himself remains passive to the introduction of agricultural studies in the public schools, and that long will agricultural fall to appeal to the more aggressive type of country boy. Paradoxical as it may seem, the movement for agricultural education finds its strongest supporters among the business and professional men in the ranks of the practical farmers."

City Men Appreciate Farm.  
"The city man appreciates the full value of education and thorough business organization, and we trust a larger proportion of our farmers will soon be classified as progressives in the field of technical and industrial education. It is encouraging to know that a number of high schools in the state have added within recent years agricultural instruction to their curriculum. Ashland contemplates doing some horticultural field work in connection with her high school and through recent press reports we learn that Hearst's estate intends to operate a small farm in connection with her high school work in agriculture. This is certainly a long forward step. The beneficial effects of this good work will soon be in evidence in these communities. It is to be hoped that high schools will rapidly multiply in our state, and that in these high schools not only will adequate provision be made for agricultural instruction, but wherever possible an opportunity for field work in agriculture also given. In fact it is thought that if every high school had a demonstration farm attached thereto it would be greatly to the financial interest of the state. These farms could not only be the means of demonstrating correct principles of agriculture to the farmers of the community, but could serve the double purpose of being utilized for giving technical and practical instruction to the high school students as well."

American Girl Befriended by Royalty



London, July 1.—The apparent high favor in which the royal family holds Miss Emelle Grigsby, as evidenced by her position at the coronation ceremonies in Westminster Abbey, has caused no end of gossip.

Society and the general public find it difficult to understand how the American girl, whose chief claim to fame is that she was the "ward" of the late Charles T. Yerkes, the traction magnate, was placed in a seat much nearer to the king and queen than were many of the highest nobles of the land. To her also was sent an especial luncheon in a leather case by Princess Mary. It is said Miss Grigsby became acquainted with the princess through the goodness of the royal family.

OWNERS OF UNKEPT LOTS PLENTIFUL  
FIRST GOLD COMES FROM THE IDITAROD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Seattle, July 1.—The first spring gold from the Iditarod of the season was reported at a local assay office today, amounting to \$26,000. Reports state that the dumps are being handled with feverish activity at the new camp and the expected output of this district before winter closes will be between \$3,000,000 and \$5,000,000. The shipment came on the steamer, Admiral Sampson and Northwestern, which also brought \$150,000 from the Selby smelter. Advice from New Ruby, a new camp near Yukon, state that excitement over the first big stampede has subsided, and while no very rich or extensive diggings have been uncovered, the new country is regarded as fairly promising. Prospecting covering a period of three years resulted in a good discovery by Johnson and Fernander of Long Creek. Pay ore was unearthed in March and they have now uncovered several hundred feet to a depth of 16 feet. A fair estimate of the average pay ore is 31 to the square foot of bedrock.

ONE JUDGE ON DUTY ALL THE TIME IS PLAN

The usual summer vacations in the circuit court will not begin until next Monday. Arrangements have been made by the judges for one of them to be on hand during July and August, and civil cases will be heard upon consent of both parties to the suit. Judge Gatenbein, now presiding, will be the first to take his vacation. He will begin July 10, and Judge Kavanaugh will occupy the presiding bench for four weeks. Judge Morrow will next take the presiding judgeship, with Judges McGinn and Gatens following in their order. Each judge now at work is assigned him that will take this week to try, but no cases are being set for trial during the two months, except by request of both sides. The judge presiding during the two months vacation period will hear all motions and ex parte matters. The circuit court is so far behind in work that the trial of cases cannot be entirely omitted during the two months.

NEW YORK PEDAGOGUE HEADS CAPITAL SCHOOLS

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, July 1.—Dr. William M. Davidson of New York assumed his duties as superintendent of the district schools, taking the oath at a special meeting of the board of education today. Dr. Davidson, however, will not take up active work in connection with school matters until later in the summer, the board having granted him a leave of absence in order that he may return to Omaha and attend to some business and school matters in that city before coming to Washington.

SHRINERS LEAVE FOR ROCHESTER  
50 Delegates to Conclave to Enjoy Trip—Entertainment Planned.

A delegation of more than 50 Shriners left last night for Rochester, N. Y., to attend the annual conclave of the Imperial Council to be held in that city July 11, 12 and 13. At Tacoma, Seattle and other points along the line of travel the delegation will be augmented by many other members from points east as far as Idaho.

The members will travel on the Canadian route and will visit many points of interest before reaching their destination. A day or two will be spent in the larger cities enroute and after the conclave, the members will return by different routes. Many will visit in the east and south before returning home.

The Fourth of July will be spent at Calgary where a celebration has been planned by the citizens of the Canadian city in honor of the visitors. At Banff another celebration will be held which will probably last two days. Winnipeg and Toronto will also be visited by the Shriners and two days will be spent on the lakes by the delegation. This is an ideal time of the year for the purpose it is stated.

CHICAGO IN FRONT AS MILITARY BASE  
Central Army Division Created and Naval Station Is Opened.

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.)  
Chicago, July 1.—With the opening of the new naval training station at North Chicago and the taking effect of the order for the creation of the new central division of the army, Chicago today took front rank as the most important military base. Twelve hundred recruits for the new navy station were on their way here now, and many important posts on the staff of the officers are to be filled through the new army order.

ROBBERS' PLAN WAS TO DYNAMITE LIMITED

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Erie, Pa., July 1.—Detectives who were on duty at the Erie station, Philadelphia & Erie train all day are tonight convinced that the crime was committed by amateurs and that the intention was to derail the train, plunge it down an embankment of 50 feet and then blow up the engine and the small cars. Investigation disclosed two sticks of dynamite at the base of the hill, which the train in its downward plunge would be sure to strike. This would have set off the explosives.

TOGO TELLS SEATTLE HE CANNOT VISIT THERE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Seattle, Wash., July 1.—Admiral Togo, hero of the late war, has notified the chamber of commerce it will be impossible for him to visit Seattle on his return home from the coronation. Through the local consular office the chamber recently invited the distinguished fighter to be the guest of the city on his return, but he expresses regret that his itinerary will not permit. The admiral sailed from Victoria, August 24, and the local consul is of the opinion that Togo is not aware that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, by which he will travel, begins its voyage from this port. The matter will be presented to the admirer and he will be asked to reconsider. The only American cities he is to visit are Washington, New York, Philadelphia and Boston, as he crosses the continent by the Canadian Pacific.

WOMAN PLAYING PIANO IS STRICKEN, FALLING DEAD BESIDE MUSIC

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Seattle, Wash., July 1.—Heart failure interrupted Mrs. Hattie M. Miller, a chambermaid at the Sherman hotel, while she was quietly playing the piano to herself last night. Lodgers heard her playing and when the music stopped thought she had retired. This morning her body was found lying on the floor close to the piano, her hands crossed, pressed over her heart as if she had died in pain. The first conclusions were suicide, but the coroner pronounced heart disease the cause.

ACCUSED'S BONDS FIXED AT \$20,000; FRIENDS MAY AID

Alleged Embezzler of \$90,000 From Oregon Trust & Savings Bank, to Be Arrested Unless He Returns.



Louis J. Wilde, indicted by the grand jury on a charge of embezzling \$90,000 jointly with W. Cooper Morris from the Oregon Trust & Savings bank, will be arrested tomorrow on a telegraph warrant, unless positive assurance is received by that time that he is coming to Portland from San Diego to answer the indictment.

Judge Gatenbein fixed the bonds of Wilde at \$20,000, and there was some talk yesterday of this bond being given by friends here to avoid the necessity of a trip to Portland at this time, but it is believed the bond would be raised unless the defendant personally appears.

Yesterday a telegram was received from Wilde saying he had consulted his attorney and would await developments. This is taken to mean that he is not preparing to start for Portland, but will await the service of the warrant.

Wilde's friends declare he is being hounded by the district attorney's office. While in Portland Wilde made a reputation as a fighter, and published large advertisements in the newspapers giving forcible expression of his ideas of criticisms then being made. The news of his indictment has caused a sensation in San Diego, where he is prominent in civic and financial affairs.

Representatives of the district attorney's office have visited Morris in the penitentiary recently, but it is not believed they gained much information.

CHOLERA ALARM FRIGHTENS CITY

Death of Immigrant, Caused by Dread Malady, Arouses New York.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Auburn, N. Y., July 1.—Authorities here, city and county officials who are investigating the death by Asiatic cholera of Thomas Birardi, an Italian immigrant, are alarmed over a possible spread of the dreaded malady.

While they declare there is little danger of an immediate spread among American residents, the health authorities admitted tonight that wherever Birardi has been since his arrival here from the liner Duca degli Abruzzi, on which he came to this country, June 29, there will be danger for some days.

Steps were taken tonight to get permission to send portions of Birardi's body to New York for observation in the quarantine laboratories.

CONGRESS TO ADJOURN IN JULY HIS BELIEF

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, July 1.—Hope was expressed by Democratic Leader Underwood tonight that congress would adjourn not later than August 1.

One of the most enjoyable excursions to be given this summer will be held next Friday night by The Journal Carriers' association. This will be the fourth annual moonlight excursion given by the carriers. They have chartered the steamer Bailey Gatzert, which will leave the foot of Alder street at 7:45 sharp, returning in time for everyone to get the last cars for home.

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