

EXTENSION LEADERS IN CITY

FARMERS FROM ELEVEN STATES COME TO TOWN

Ideas in Rural Improvement Gathered as Excursion Motors Way Down Willamette Valley.

PARTY WILL BREAK AT CORVALLIS TODAY

Social Time is Enjoyed at Hotel Following Session Last Night

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Horny-handed haydiggers, perspiring potato pullers, athletic agriculturists and farmers of every stripe and hue, from 11 western states and Texas, came to Salem last night and are still here.

They harvested a delectable crop of Oregon products at the various restaurants; they rested their weary bones all through the Marion hotel; they danced the milk-pail waltz and the calf trot in the music room; they shooed the stock at the movie palaces, and in general presented all the joys and sorrows of farm life at both its best and its worst.

It was Ground Hog day, and the weather breeder and prophet didn't see his shadow, so the farmers celebrated the event in a truly rural and royal fashion.

The occasion was the visit of the Western States Extension conference, following the annual meeting at Portland the earlier part of the week.

Better Farming Object
The conference is made up of the various state, federal and private farm extension agencies of the nation, that are striving earnestly to make farming a bigger, better and more profitable business for every body who follows it, and to make it enough better than it is to help drag men and women out of the sweltering, noisome cities and back to the farm under such conditions that it will bring both health and profit, and social regeneration to them individually and to the nation.

The movement follows the startling census figures that the United States ranks 17th in six of the principal grain crops in the scale of production, as compared with the rest of the world. Only the dim, backward people, or the nations hopelessly torn and distracted by war, like Mexico and Russia, fall below the United States in per-acre grain yields, and these unhappy peoples are so little behind that it's almost nip and tuck for the dishonorable championship.

Remedy is Sought
To remedy this startling condition the government is going resolutely into the problem of trying to find the remedy. Great national associations, such as that fostered by the American Bankers' association, and with such men as E. T. Meredith, late secretary of agriculture, are taking up the boys' and girls' club work in a determined effort to reach the tide of off-to-the-city delinquents from the farm. These visiting delegates represent almost every phase of club and general farm improvement work being done in America. Better farm homes, better rural conditions, better livestock, better fields, better everything in rural life, they have been hunting for with microscope and telescope and with sleuthhound fidelity to every clue.

Wonderful Things Found
They have found some wonderful things here in Oregon, especially at Speth's Berry farm at Clackamas they saw what is said by experts to be perhaps the finest raspberry field in America. Last year it produced 4.9 tons of berries per acre. They studied this wonderful plot of ground and its no less wonderful owner. They will carry this story down to the states, and if Oregon doesn't get a foot of berry growers from this advertising, then the sign is wrong.

Today some of the visitors expect to head off the main route of the excursion and stop off to see the wonderful Pickard jerseys at Marion. These effete foreigners never in their lives saw such cows as the two world champions in the Pickard herd. What

VATICAN ANNULS MARRIAGE OF FORMER DOROTHY DEACON



THE marriage of Prince Radziwill to Miss Dorothy Deacon, which took place in 1910, has been annulled by the Sacred Rota tribunal of the Vatican. Miss Deacon was the daughter of the late Edward Parker Deacon of Boston. She was noted for her beauty and was prominent in society in London and Paris.

MRS. E. E. GILBERT PASSES AWAY AFTER WEEK'S ILLNESS

Mrs. E. E. Gilbert, prominent missionary and Sunday school worker, died at her home, 360 Leslie street, yesterday afternoon following a week's illness with pneumonia. Mrs. Gilbert was the wife of Rev. E. E. Gilbert, superintendent of the Salem district of the Oregon conference of the Methodist church. Besides her husband she is survived by a daughter, Miss Isla Ruth Gilbert, student at the medical school in Portland, and a son, Wendell, freshman in Salem high school.

Mrs. Irene E. Gilbert was born 54 years ago at Cedar Falls, Ia. She attended the common schools of Cedar Falls and later was graduated from the Iowa state normal school at Cedar Falls. She later taught for several years in Iowa and was married in 1890

BUS AND STREET CAR TALKS HEARD BY REALTY DEALERS

Members of the Marion County Realtors association, after hearing a discussion of the Highland jitney route by T. E. McLean, owner of the jitney auto, and T. L. Billingsley, superintendent of the city street car lines, voted to take no action or to make any recommendation in the matter. The discussion was held yesterday noon at the luncheon of the realtors.

Mr. McLean telling why he preferred to travel his present route instead of one recommended by the city council, said that many of his patrons were from the fair grounds district and on North Commercial street, which parallels the street car lines for some distance before crossing the bridge on North Mill creek.

The route which the street car company claims is taking from it about \$12 a day, begins at the fair grounds, thence on Highland avenue to Commercial street, and thence to State street.

INTERNAL TAX NECESSARY AS BONUS SOURCE

Secretary Mellon Says To Depend on Foreign Debt Refund for Soldier Relief is Impracticable.

NEW RESOURCES MUST BE TAPPED BY LAWS

Increased Postage, Automobile Levy, and Other Methods Mentioned

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Funds to finance a soldiers' bonus must be raised by internal taxes as it would be impracticable to depend on proceeds from the refunded foreign debt for this purpose, Secretary Mellon declared before the house ways and means committee.

Reiterating his objection to the enactment of bonus legislation at this time, he said that in levying taxes congress would have to tap mostly new resources, as the taxes now in effect were about normally high for peace-times. He opposed a general sales tax, re-enactment of the excess profits tax, or an increase in existing taxes except possibly those on cigarettes, tobaccos and denunciations.

Sources Enumerated
New sources of revenue, he suggested, included 3 cent first class postage to raise \$70,000,000; an increase in second class postage rates to produce \$30,000,000; a 2 cent tax on bank checks to yield \$30,000,000, and a license tax of 50 cents per horsepower on automobiles to produce \$100,000,000.

Mr. Mellon estimated increased documentary stamp taxes would produce \$40,000,000 and that additional \$25,000,000 could be had from an increase of 50 cents per 1,000 on cigarettes and 2 cents a pound on tobacco.

Arguing that the bonus would cost \$425,000,000 a year for the first two years, the secretary said congress could pick out other sources of revenue where the burden would fall with the least hardship in order to make up the deficit of \$125,000,000 as between the yield from the specific suggestions he had made and the cost of the bonus.

He called attention to a list of articles and a tax on gasoline, but he did not approve such taxes.

Costs Considered
As to the use of any part of the proceeds from the foreign debt the secretary said the time that returns would be had from that source was problematical and that the ultimate cost would be greater than if direct taxes were laid. He explained that if the interest were used the government would have to extend its domestic debt refunding operations that much longer at a cost to the taxpayers while if the foreign bonds were sold in the United States he government would have to guarantee the interest and the principal and even the securities probably would not be sold at par.

Route Objected To
Speaking for the street car company, Mr. Billingsley said that the auto bus had picked out a route that was in direct competition with the street car company and for this reason, felt that Mr. McLean could serve a route a little farther east, and thereby be a benefit to a certain part of the city without coming in competition with the street car company.

MOTION PICTURE DIRECTOR IS SLAIN FOR REVENGE, OPINION OF LOS ANGELES DETECTIVES

BLIGH'S DOG HASTITLE AS MEAT EATER

Fresh Ration Daily Is Order—Owner Gets License Tag No. 218 for Misto

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2.—Belief that William Desmond Taylor, motion pictures director, who was found dead at his home here this morning, was shot for revenge, was expressed late today by police investigators. This statement was made after more than a score of Taylor's acquaintances, including persons prominent in motion picture circles, had been questioned and attempts made to check up the movements of several others with whom Taylor was said to have had differences of various kinds.

Most of the early efforts of the investigators were directed to an attempt to locate a former servant of Taylor's against whom the motion picture man lodged a complaint with the police some time ago. Taylor declared the man had stolen some of his belongings and forged his name to a check and that he believed a burglary of his apartments some time later was committed by the same person. Robbery, however, appeared not to have been the motive for shooting Taylor, for nothing was missing from his apartment, although a considerable sum in money and jewelry was easily available.

Man Seen by Neighbor
A neighbor of Taylor told the police of seeing a man near the apartment last night, shortly after which a shot was heard. A woman who called upon the director early in the evening said that when she left Taylor walked with her to her car, then returned to his apartment. His only servant left at the same time, it being Taylor's custom to pass the night alone. The servant returned about 8 o'clock this morning and found Taylor lying dead on the floor of his living room, shot through the back. A pile of checks lay on an open desk in the living room.

Home Easily Entered
The servant said both front doors open upon a court, even with the street level, from which any one could have entered the apartment if it were unlocked, with little chance of being observed. This door has a spring lock. Taylor was director-in-chief of the Famous Players-Lasky studios in Hollywood and was internationally known as a motion picture man. He was born in Mallosa, County Cork, Ireland, in 1877, and served in the British army during the World war.

Another development late today was the statement by the wife of a motion picture actor living in the same group of apartments about the court, that she saw a man standing at the door of Taylor's place about 9 o'clock last night. She said he appeared to have the door partly open and to be looking in. She described the man as short and stockily built, and wearing a checked cap.

Description Given
This description does not tally

BOYS RISK LIVES STEALING RIDES ON CARS; ARE WARNED

Don't ever live in a real winter country where the youngsters used to hook rides by attaching their sleds to passing bobs and cutters? (No auto those days.) Well, Salem kids have evolved a similar pastime, but one which combines about 99 per cent of danger for the thrill they derive from it.

Last night two boys were brought into the police station on a charge of stealing rides on street cars. There have been many complaints from motorists and street railway employees that a group of South Salem boys have been playing this deadly game for several months. Several narrow escapes from what might have been fatal accidents have been narrowly averted.

The youngsters play the "game" after dark and hop on to the rear end of street cars giving service to the public has been asked to cooperate with Chief Moffitt's department in an effort to put a stop to the practice. Officers have been instructed to inform parents of the offenders with a recommendation of application of the razor strop.

1925 FAIR CONSIDERED BY DALLAS COMMERCIAL CLUB

DALLAS, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special to The Statesman)—At a meeting of the Dallas Commercial club last night, action endorsing the 1925 fair was brought up and after considerable discussion the matter was referred to the committee on city and county affairs.

JURORS AGAIN SENT TO BED, RESUME TODAY

After Deliberation of Thirty Hours Arbuckle Jury Is Still Unable to Reach An Agreement.

DEADLOCK PROBABLE, ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Defense Will Insist on Third Trial in Event of Disagreement

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—At 9:30 p. m. the jury was locked up for the night on account of a slight attack of illness suffered by Juror Lee Doison. The jury has been out nearly 30 hours. It will return to court at 9 a. m. tomorrow.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—After deliberating since 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the jury had not agreed tonight whether Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle was guilty or innocent of manslaughter as a result of a fatal attack he is said to have made upon Miss Virginia Rappe, motion picture actress. The first trial resulted in a disagreement of the jury.

Speculation Heard
Courtroom gossip held that the jury stood seven to five for acquittal and also that the jurors were aligned eight to four in favor of the defendant. But nothing authentic came from the room where the jurors continued their debate.

Milton M. Cohen, Los Angeles, of the defense counsel staff said that the defense would insist on a third trial in the event of a disagreement. The district attorney would make no comment. Arbuckle appeared jovial and carefree throughout the day.

Transcript Asked
The jury was heard from but once during the morning and afternoon. This was when it asked for the complete transcript of the trial on the ground that jurors wish to refresh their recollection on certain points. It indicated a long session according to the court officers and counsel familiar with such requests.

Ceremonial Attends Immuring of Cardinals

ROME, Feb. 2.—(By the Associated Press)—Majestic stationalities attended the solemn immuring in the vatican today of the sacred college, comprising for the moment 55 cardinals.

Every detail of the sacred rites was observed and although the time fixed for the closing in of the cardinals was 2:30 this afternoon, so long was the ceremonial that darkness had enshrouded the huge basilica of St. Peter before the preliminaries were completed for election of a new pontiff.

The 53 cardinals present in Rome are now in the vatican. Even Cardinal Martini, who is suffering from influenza was conveyed there.

At the huge bronze doors surveillance of those passing within was of the strictest nature. A giant German Swiss sergeant of the guards allowed nobody to enter unless provided with a white pass, issued by Prince Chigi, marshal of the conclave.

Oyster Beds Depleted By Many Circling Ducks

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 3.—Thousands of ducks, circling above oyster beds near Olympia, Wash., have so depleted the beds as to cause officials grave worry, according to United States Game Warden Ray Steele, who arrived from Washington today. Steele declared he was at a loss to know what to do to protect the beds.

Convict Confesses He Killed Another Prisoner

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 2.—Joe Carlo, convict at the state penitentiary, charged with first degree murder, took the stand today and testified that he was the victim of temporary insanity as the result of being deprived of drugs and that he killed Jack Powers, fellow convict, while not in his right mind. The case will go to the jury tomorrow.