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Editor Statesman: Peppermint is a valuable crop. Practice diversity. Don't put all your eggs in one basket. Many farmers having wet, seepy soil or creek bottoms that can be irrigated should plant a little peppermint.

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FALLS CITY WENT OVER THE TOP IN ONE DAY ON RED CROSS SEALS SALES

Pure Bred Toggenbergs Going From Falls City to the Far North—The Last Meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association Was a Notable One—General and Personal Matters in the Live City on West Side of Polk

The regular November meeting of the Parent-Teachers association was held in the high school, not only the auditorium but practically all of the class rooms being in use during the evening. After routine business was disposed of, Mrs. Richard Paul gave a report of her attendance at the state meeting of parent and teachers. She began with the opening and visualized to each listener the many addresses and discussions at which she was present, bringing home to all the points especially applicable to local conditions and presenting the high lights of the convention in a forceful manner.

Among other subjects for consideration were the proper reading for children, the necessity for guarding against the unfit magazines; that past presidents as well as every member of the P-T. A. should have some work to do; a trained social worker on the faculty of every high school; to read and support the P-T. A. magazine; the special message of the national president in her address in obedience by force of habit rather than by force; a greater appreciation of our teachers; and an educational program to secure the passage of a proper free text book law for Oregon, saying we are one of only six states in the United States without such a law; also the necessity for a better financial support of our state normal schools.

Mrs. Raymond Criswell, local president, mentioned a few of the strong impressions received during her one day's attendance, especially the enthusiasm and ability shown by the delegates and speakers; also emphasizing the point that our Parent-Teachers association stand back of the appropriation for our state normal schools.

Mrs. Robert Griswold reported for the hot lunch committee, saying the lunches are being served, meeting with a splendid response from both teachers and pupils, and that vegetables, especially carrots, cabbage and canned tomatoes are needed.

The president appointed Mrs. Mabel Hatch, H. E. Starr and Mrs. D. J. Grant a committee to meet with the committees from other organizations to plan for the annual community Christmas tree.

On motion the date for the regular December meeting was changed to the third Monday of the month, December 21, as the teacher and pupils of the domestic science and art departments of the Falls City high school will hold a bazaar and sale, and will enter

to the present day, when the community is as wide as the world, meaning that we are all a part of the activities of the world, and affected by them. Among other good thoughts left with his listeners Prof. Beattie stressed the benefit of cooperation, advising the P-T. A. to secure some federated committees to work in cleaning up trashy literature; suggested that we teach not by precept but by example, not alone the example of the parents, or of the teachers but the example of all the men and women of a community. He also said that the community of the future is going to "fit the school to the child, not the child to the school." Also, that long ago man conquered the face of the earth, then later we have conquered the materials of the earth and the energy of the earth, but man has not yet learned to control himself, and that now man must learn self control, saying we must teach the youth of today self knowledge, self reverence and self control.

In summing up Prof. Beattie told us the community of today must have vision, must set up definite aims, must cooperate, must set individual examples not only to our own children but to every child in the community, and must provide for the physical, mental and spiritual advance of the child.

The closing feature of the evening was the lunch furnished by the men in payment of their forfeit. About ninety partook of their hospitality. The service was cafeteria style, and the lunch consisted of assorted sandwiches, tea cakes, hot coffee and sherbet served in individual paper cups, with "wooden paddles." Paper plates

were used, so the entire luncheon was served with a minimum of dish washing. W. VanDuddelston, chef at the Falls City hotel, presided in the kitchen, and the committee had several high school boys as helpers in the serving.

The ladies gave the men a little song of appreciation and thanks, and are perfectly willing to be just as happily surprised any time.

Purebred Goats in Demand
Fannie Branson recently shipped two pure bred Toggenberg does to Haynes, Alaska, where they will be used to supply milk for a family residing up there. This is not the first experiment in sending goats north, and if they take kindly to the cold northern winters the problem of proper food for small children residing in the far north bids fair to be solved. These does are from the Hazel Dell herd, and are young stock raised here.

To a point in Canada goes another purebred Toggenberg doe to supply the demand of another family for the well balanced food ration for children.

Recently four yearling Toggenberg does, pure breeds of the Branson's own raising, were shipped to Harmony, Minn., where they will be added to the stock of a fancier there who knows the best and is willing to pay for it.

Another purebred Toggenberg doe is going this week to an Illinois customer who has read of the Hazel Dell stock and also wants the best.

Mrs. Branson showed some of her stock at the Pacific International stock show, but says the prizes won there had nothing to do with any of these sales, as the goats being shipped to fill orders were all bargained for by mail.

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Heirs of Hoppe Inherit
Albert Hoppe left Mrs. Hoppe in Falls City two years ago last July, taking all the property that they both had. A year ago last August Mrs. Hoppe went to San Francisco, expecting to find him; but he had left there and never returned until the 17th of February, 1925. He took sick June 29, 1925, and was removed from his rooming house to a hospital in San Francisco, where he died July 25, 1925.

The estate is being administered for the heirs and the money he had left Mrs. Hoppe and their two daughters will receive a certain percentage of what is left after the lawyers finish with the state, and this will be divided according to law between Mrs. Hoppe and her daughters, Mrs. B. E. Freer, and Mrs. E. B. Freer. There are no other heirs.

The family came to Oregon from Missouri about twenty-six years ago, and have resided in the state since that time.

"Ove the Top"
Mrs. George Lowe, president, and Mrs. Merle Hammell, secretary of the Ladies aid club began on Friday afternoon the sale of the Christmas seals and had sold every one before seven o'clock on Saturday evening. A quick finish to a very worthy cause. The ladies are to be congratulated upon handling this sale so successfully, and the citizens of the community also deserve the thanks of the ladies for their splendid cooperation.

The annual sale of Christmas seals is for so worthy an object that the business houses of the city bought in large blocks, and are keeping the stamps on hand for general use.

Locals and Personals
Mrs. M. A. Pugh was pleasantly surprised last Sunday when Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. John Deerlin, all of Salem, drove over and spent the day with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mack went to Portland on Tuesday to remain until Sunday, on business and pleasure bent. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Mack, who spent the Thanksgiving holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mack, returned with them to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Hill were visitors from Toledo last Sunday.

Mrs. Kate G. Boyd, principal of the grade schools, was called to Boise, Idaho, on Tuesday, following the death of her mother, which occurred Monday at the home of a sister in Nebraska. The funeral services will be held and interment made in Boise, where Mrs. Boyd's father is buried. Mrs. Boyd has the sympathy of the entire community in this bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lewis drove to Monmouth and Salem on Sunday, taking Miss Cleo Doid and Elsie Shutz back to their studies at the Oregon State normal, and Miss Gladys Paul to her duties as teacher in Salem.

Chas. E. Sample has bought the old Montgomery building on the

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PEPPERMINT AS A PART OF DIVERSIFIED FARMING MAKES A VERY GOOD SHOWING

A. J. Egan of the Gervais District Presents the Industry in This Light—No One Here Likely to Go Wrong With a Few Acres of Mint, With Soil Conditions Favorable

Editor Statesman: About four years ago my father the late William H. Egan, planted a small acreage of peppermint on our beaverdam land, as he was an advocate of diversified farming, and the growing and harvesting could be handled in conjunction with the other crops, as we generally harvest the mint just after the major part of the peach and pear crops are harvested and a few days before hop picking starts.

Has Been Satisfactory
What experience we have had, though on a small scale, has been very satisfactory as the mint has been a good paying crop. Of course this year, being a high price year, has swelled the average price, for what time we have been growing the same.

I have found that for the success of mint growing much depends on cultivation and harvesting. The ground must be properly plowed early in the spring, and try to control the weeds until

the plants get a good start, then go through and pull by hand, what weeds you can without destroying too much of the mint, as this will help to make a better quality of oil for which the Oregon mint is noted.

When the mint is in full bloom is the proper time to harvest and cure as you would good clover hay, as this will still easier, and give you a better yield and quality.

As for the Future
As for the future of the mint industry no one knows, as like all other commodities the same is controlled by the old economic law of supply and demand, but from the diversified farmers' standpoint, I can't see where he can go wrong with a few acres of mint, where the soil and climatic conditions are favorable, and he will stay with it, taking the good years and bad ones as they come.

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