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BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Linn county's first industrial school fair will be held in Albany August 23 and 24.

The second annual meeting of the Columbia Delta Gardeners' association was held at Clatskanie last Tuesday.

Mrs. Louisiana Dannels, Oregon pioneer of 1852, and resident of this state for 60 years, died at her home in Albany, aged 78 years.

Practically the entire town of Harrisburg turned out to celebrate the event of the Oregon Electric reaching that place Saturday.

The summer session of the Oregon normal school closed Friday with an enrollment of 154, making the total enrollment for the year 297.

Mose Lane, a Siletz policeman, was badly beaten at Toledo while trying to quiet several other Indians who were engaged in a drunken brawl.

The State Line Water Company of New Pine Creek, with a capitalization of \$25,000, has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state.

Charged with embezzling United States government funds to the amount of \$1000, Astor A. Anderson, postmaster at Jewell, Clatsop county, was arrested.

Rueben Alm, 12 years old, was instantly killed at the trestle of the Mount Hood railway across the Sandy river. His head was cut off under the wheels of a car.

The Eugene city council has directed the recorder to advertise for bids for a main trunk sewer and two main branches, which together will cost upwards of \$200,000.

The constitutionality of the legislative act of 1911 governing the branding of butter is involved in the appeal of the case against Roy Goodhue, appealed from Multnomah county.

L. W. Hill, chairman of the executive board of the Great Northern railway, will spend a month or more in Oregon in the interest of the Great Northern immigration campaign for settlers for this state.

While the state treasurer has made demands upon 27 counties in which the state incurred expenses in fighting forest fires last year for their proportion of the expenses, but 12 of them have forwarded remittances.

President Taft has commuted the prison sentences of A. W. Hedderly and Richard Hynes, convicted at Portland of complicity in land frauds. Physicians had testified that the men would die if longer imprisoned.

By the end of this week practically every logging camp in the Columbia district will be in active operation, the various companies having begun placing crews to work again the past week after a close down since July 1.

Congressman Hawley has received notice that the first Oregon beneficiary under the new pension act of May 11, 1912, is Enoch W. Conyers of Clatskanie, a veteran of the Mexican war, who has been allowed the maximum, \$30.

With assurances that 60,000 of the 125,000 school children in the state will send exhibits to the children's industrial fair to be held this year in connection with the state fair, it is certain now that this fair is destined to be a success from the start.

According to the census just completed through the office of the superintendent of public instruction there are 189,506 school children in Oregon, and last week there was divided among the counties of the state \$352,481.16 by the state treasurer for school purposes.

A verdict of \$200,000 was awarded the Hammond Lumber company by a jury at Salem in condemnation proceedings brought by the Willamette Power company to secure power and water rights on the Breitenbush and Santiam rivers. The company had asked \$970,000.

W. Cooper Morris, convicted Portland banker, who is working with the convict gang on the Shell Rock road, near Hood River, has assumed the role of friend to the convicts, and is offering his Wenatchee fruit ranch as a haven of refuge and work to paroled men and released convicts.

According to State Railroad Commissioner Miller, with those who completed their hearing of the Sumpter Valley railroad log rate case, the road has a valuation of \$1,250,000, exclusive of its right of way which has not been completely estimated. This is far greater than was expected.

FARMERS AND THE SINGLE TAX

A FARMER who wrote to the American Economic League, of Cincinnati, stating his objections to the single tax, received the following reply:

"You are under the impression that the single tax will increase the farmer's taxes. You are mistaken. It will materially reduce them. Farmers are taxed now on nearly everything they own. The single tax would relieve them of all taxes, direct and indirect, on all that they produce or consume. They would no longer pay taxes on their houses, barns, crops, live stock or anything else in the way of improvements or personal property. They would be relieved by a tax on land values only and since farmers own much less of such values than do the owners of city lots, mining lands and rights of way they would have much less taxes to pay. I will venture to say that your whole farm, stripped of all improvements, has not as much value as a single foot of unimproved land in the business center of San Francisco or Los Angeles. It is very doubtful if farmers own more than one-third of all the land values in the United States. So if the single tax were generally adopted throughout the United States, farmers would not pay more than one-third of the taxes if they would pay that much. How would that be burdening them?"

"Papers and public men controlled by privileged interests have been telling farmers that the single tax will ruin them. To back up that assertion they have pretended to be under the impression that the single tax is to be levied on land in proportion to area instead of according to value. They know better, but they take for granted that the farmers do not and can consequently be deceived. It is necessary to show that those who resort to such methods to prove their point are unworthy of confidence?"

"In opposing the single tax, farmers are in fact, fighting for the privilege of continuing to pay taxes that ought to be paid by land speculators and franchise holding corporations. Monopolists must be laughing in their sleeves at such farmers, even while they are urging them on to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for them."

"You say that after twenty years of hard work you have saved enough to go to California, invest in land and make a comfortable living. You furthermore say that your land would lose half of its present value. Admitting for argument's sake that this is true, will not your land be capable of producing just as much after the single tax has been put into operation as it is now? Then how will your comfortable living be interfered with?"

"But let us see; will you not in fact get more for yourself out of your land if the products of your farm and all the buildings and tools you need to work it should not be longer taxed?"

"Just take a pencil and paper and figure what your land is worth today without including any value created by labor that you or others have performed on it. Then compare the value of this bare land with values of unimproved land of an equal extent in San Francisco, Los Angeles, or even smaller places and try to figure if you can, how by any possibility, a tax on land values only is going to increase your taxes."

"You might also figure how much taxes you are now paying on your improvements and personal property, what your indirect taxes amount to and what you are losing on account of restriction of demand for farm products through taxes levied on the industry and enterprises of other people. You will then have a partial idea of the extent to which single tax will prove to be a means of bettering the conditions of all the farmers."

"If you do this, be sure to keep the figures handy to show them to the next man that comes along to tell you that the single tax will hurt the farmers. You will then have great fun watching him crawl fish and wilt."

"You say that you do not see why men engaged in commerce should not be taxed. For the same reason that you should not be. If you send your crop to market to be sold then you are engaged in commerce yourself. Why should you be taxed on the crop which your hard labor has produced? You have produced something that other people want. Is it wise to tax things that we want which can only be made by labor? We tax dogs because we don't want dogs. We tax saloons because we don't want so many of them. Don't we want commerce, either? Whether we do or not a tax on commerce must have the same effect on it as a dog tax has on dogs and a saloon tax on saloons. The man engaged in commerce is helping to bring things from those who have made them to those who want them. A tax on commerce interferes with this process. It is harmful to producer and consumer, as well as to the man engaged in commerce."

"Besides, the man engaged in commerce, assuming that he owns no land, must be using land owned by some landlord. For the use of this land he must be paying rent. This rent is high or low, according to advantages of location, including whatever advantage the government confers thereon. He consequently has included in his rent payment to fall the services that government performs for him. He pays it to his landlord who is not required at present to turn it over to the government. The landlord puts it in his own pocket, instead, and the government not only lets it stay there, but goes to Mr. Man-engaged-in-commerce and requires him to pay a second time in taxes for services for which he has in fact already paid in rent. Do you realize that your question, 'Why should men engaged in commerce not be taxed,' is another way of asking, 'why should men engaged in commerce not be compelled to pay twice for service performed once?' You see now why they should not, don't you?"

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EDDINGS--CAINE

Popular Young Gold Hill Couple
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Thursday at 9 p. m. at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Alva E. Kellogg Rev. E. C. Richards united in matrimony Floyd Eddings and Dora Caine, using the impressive ring service. The bride was charmingly attired in a cream serge tailored suit trimmed with heliotrope satin, the groom wore the conventional black. Both of the contracting parties are well and favorably known in this community having grown to young man and young womanhood here, their marriage being the culmination of a ten year friendship. Only the immediate members of both families, the host and hostess and press representative were present at the ceremony, which was followed by dainty refreshments.

The News joins with the many friends of the young couple in wishing them a long and prosperous wedded life.

Riverside.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Slead were in Medford Tuesday.

Mrs. D. H. Slead was a Medford visitor last Saturday.

Miss Bertha Woolverton is visiting Medford friends this week.

Mrs. Nye and Mrs. Sprague were calling on Riverside friends Monday afternoon.

A party of four, headed by Richard Swacker brot in a fine two-year-old buck Monday.

Harold Aten, who has been working near Eagle Point, is back at work on his own ranch.

Mrs. Gay and Miss Harper have just completed the purchase of the orchard tract adjoining them from Mr. Gilbert, of Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Woolverton have been entertaining Medford friends this week. They were: Mr. and Mrs. DeArmond, Miss Mamie Clark, and Mr. Jernsta, who spent several days fishing.

Quite a party of Riverside people visited Ray Gold Sunday. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Nye, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Slead, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Slead, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Alden, C. H. Alden, George Jacobs, Anna McKeown and Mr. Norton.

Prof. Reddie of the state university at Eugene and his son Mac Ivar Reddie, Herbert Mathews from Boston, who is to teach at Roseburg the coming year, and Alexander Martin, a student of the state "U" are camping at the Rozalis Ranch, guests of Mrs. Gay and Miss Harper.

Mrs. Porter entertained the Recreation Club Thursday and all who could attend had a very enjoyable time. Each member responded to the roll call by giving their ideas on Woman's Suffrage. Mrs. Nye and Mrs. Gay read articles along those lines, then Mrs. Porter, assisted by Miss Martha and Master Harris Porter, served very delicious refreshments. On account of the very busy season and the hot weather it was decided that the next meeting would be in four weeks instead of two.

FOR MY LADY'S COMPLEXION



THE SKIN OF BEAUTY

is that which receives the greatest care and the finest treatment. The use of ordinary soaps will spoil any complexion. Every lady ought to use Cold Cream as it has a soothing and emollient effect upon the skin, and it beautifies it better than any cosmetics could. Try our celebrated Cold Cream, it gives permanent satisfaction to all who use it and it is not at all expensive. Every possible requisite for the toilet, bath and dressing table.

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