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SOUNDS WARNING TO BIG FARMERS

Demonstration Train Lecturers Declare Wheat Impoverished the Soil.

PRODUCTS OF COUNTY COULD BE QUADRUPLED.

Fertility of Soil and Moisture Received Is Sufficient to Make Umatilla Much Greater Than It Is—Rotation of Crops, Diversified Farming and Conservation of Moisture Is Gospel Preached From O. R. & N. Train—Change of Policy Must Come Sooner or Later.

Umatilla county has a soil and a rainfall that justifies a family upon every 160 acres of the land now used only for wheat.

Annual crops may be raised with ease if the right methods are but used and the present system of summer fallowing is a monstrous and economic waste.

In the course of time the supply of nitrogen in the soil will become depleted if wheat raising is adhered to and the farmers of the county will be forced to take up diversified farming as they did in western Oregon.

This is the substance of the things that were told the people of this city and the surrounding country by Dr. James Withycombe and his associates from the Oregon Agricultural college faculty. Similar things are being told the farmers of eastern Oregon at all the points where the O. R. & N. demonstration train stops.

Effect of Advice Unknown.
What the effect of the advice will be future years must tell, but according to the men who were here yesterday the change from wheat raising to diversified farming will occur in time as surely as the earth moves in its orbit.

The demonstration train reached here shortly after 4 o'clock last evening and the meeting was deferred until after the other evening passenger trains had pulled out. The crowd then gathered around the rear end of the private car in which the party was traveling and R. B. Miller, general freight agent, opened the meeting with a few remarks at the conclusion of which he introduced Dr. Withycombe, director of the state experiment station.

Dr. James Withycombe.
In the glowing talk Dr. Withycombe paid a high tribute to the prosperity of Umatilla county and of Pendleton and praised the people for the progress that they have made. But continuing he declared that for the most part they were in almost utter ignorance of the true possibilities of this section and declared that if the county was settled with the population that it can sustain, Pendleton would grow to a city of 50,000 people.

Taking up the problem of wheat raising Dr. Withycombe held that with every succeeding wheat crop the supply of nitrogen in the Umatilla county soil was being made less and that in time it cannot but become exhausted.

When that time comes, as it did some years ago in the Willamette valley, the farmers of this section will have to turn their attention to dry farming methods and when they do they will make more money than they do now and their lands will greatly increase in value.

Prof. Scudder's Talk.
At the conclusion of Dr. Withycombe address he introduced Prof. H. B. Scudder, agronomist at the agricultural college, was introduced. His talk was along a similar strain to that of Dr. Withycombe, but he went more into detail regarding dry farming methods and quoted statistics that showed he was well informed concerning the character of the soil in this county and likewise regarding amount of rainfall.

According to the speaker the precipitation in this county is sufficient, if properly conserved, that four times the present crops could be raised. As to the conservation of moisture he declared that a very satisfactory method has been worked out and it consists in providing a soil "blanket." He declared that the waste is through

COMPTROLLER SAVES \$100,000 FOR CITY.

Decatur, Ill., May 14.—City authorities were astounded today when City Comptroller Robbins "confessed" that he had been holding out city revenues for eight years and now has \$100,000 in the bank to the credit of the city. No one knew his secret but the mayors who have served during that time. Robbins said he knew the aldermen would spend the money if they had it so he undertook to save the municipality a certain amount for a rainy day. Aldermen are furious, as they recently floated a bond issue of \$125,000 for a city water works. Robbins withheld the money coming to the city each year from the road fund and none of the aldermen knew the city got revenue from that source.

surface drainage and evaporation and that the latter can be checked by use of proper tillage methods.

The Chemical Side.
After Prof. Scudder, Prof. C. E. Bradley, chemist at O. A. C., was introduced and he gave one of the most forcible talks of the meeting. It was upon the subject of the chemical composition of soils and he urged that a farmer should be a scientist, to an extent, as well as a practical agriculturalist. Prof. Bradley's talk was limited too closely as were all the other discourses, and at his conclusion the train meeting adjourned.

Owing to the bustle and confusion at the meeting grounds at the time the meeting was held, the attendance was not as large as had been hoped. But in the audience were many practical farmers and they were deeply interested in the subject and they paid close attention to all that was said.

That the demonstration train has made a deep impression here and elsewhere along the line is plainly evident from the talk of farmers and others who attended the meetings yesterday.

FORESTS DOOMED, SAYS J. J. HILL

PACIFIC COAST TIMBER WILL LAST BUT 10 YEARS.

James J. Hill warns the West of the ruthless waste of its timber supply—Consumption of Timber Exceeds the New Growth Four Fold—Congress of Governors Brings Out Some Startling Facts and Discussions.

Washington, May 14.—James J. Hill the railroad king, sounded a note of warning today in the session of the governors' at the White House when in a carefully prepared address he declared that if immediate steps for the conservation of forests on the Pacific coast are not taken some varieties of timber will be exhausted within 10 years.

"The Pacific coast," he said, "has a considerable body of merchantable timber still standing, but we are consuming yearly three or four times as much timber as the forest growth restores."

"Our supply in some varieties will be exhausted within 10 or 12 years. Without re-forestation the present century will wipe out all of the forests."

Regarding the unsettled lands in the west the speaker said that practically the whole interior had been settled within the past 50 years and asked what the country will offer next. "It is no longer possible," he declared, "for us to say that Uncle Sam has a farm for all of us."

President Roosevelt presided at this morning's session, but announced that Governor Charles S. Deneen of Illinois, would preside this afternoon.

Trust Company Falls.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 14.—The Reserve Trust Co. filed a deed of assignment this morning to the Superior Savings & Trust company. All depositors will be paid in full. The action caused great surprise here as the Reserve was supposed to be one of the strongest in the city.

ONE HUNDRED PERSONS PERISH IN GEORGIA'S DEVASTATING TORNADO.

Atlanta, Ga., May 14.—Meager reports coming slowly, indicate that perhaps more than 100 persons are dead today in various parts of Louisiana and that considerable property has been ruined as a result of the tornado that swept the state yesterday afternoon.

It is feared that in Gilliam, La., alone, 100 were killed. Unconfirmed reports also state that the loss in the oil city of Beltinger will be very heavy, although not so great as in former years. The latest reports say that half the village population of 200 were either killed or injured.

Definite word from these places is anxiously awaited. All efforts to get into communication with these places this morning failed. The tornado is said to have started near Shreveport, La., and moved toward Little Rock and Texarkana.

Late Wednesday it was reported to have centered in Texas, but whether it subsided before damage was done or not in that vicinity is not known.

A Call for Help.

Little Rock, Arkansas, May 14.—Another dispatch asking for help has been received from Gilliam. The first message received Wednesday night by the Postal Telegraph company stated that the town had been wrecked and half the population had perished.

OREGON WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

State University Athletes Best in Four States—Lead Whitman at All Times.

SCORE OF 75 TO 47 MIGHT HAVE BEEN EVEN WORSE.

Victors Did Not Try to Win Relay, as Contest Was Already Decided—Thirteen of Oregon's Fourteen Men Were Point Winners—Martin Failed to Take the Hundred—Sensational and Spectacular Events Were Numerous—No Records Broken, But Time Was Good—Philbrook of Whitman Was Star Point Winner of the Day.

The University of Oregon triumphed over Whitman college in the intercollegiate track meet held on Ankeny field yesterday afternoon, defeating the local institution 75 to 47 and thereby winning the championship of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. Oregon has an exceptionally strong team of track athletes and well deserved to win. Of the 14 men composing the team 13 were point winners in yesterday's meet, most of them winning five points or over. Oregon took a total of 10 out of 14 firsts and seven seconds.

Huston Wins the Century.
The hundred was a very spectacular race. Martin of Whitman and Huston of Oregon finished less than a foot apart at the tape. Huston in advance. Martin did not get a good start, and is confident that he can beat Oregon's fast man if given another chance.

The quarter-mile run was another exceedingly spectacular run. Reid and Lowell of Oregon and Barnes of Whitman finished less than three feet apart, each running like a fiend, circling the oval in the fast time of 52.1-5.

The pole vault was the most hardy contested field event. All three men, Felthouse, Foster and Moulten, tied at 10 feet 9. After repeated attempts in jumping off the tie, Moulten finally cleared the bar at 9 feet 11, which won first place.

Philbrook of Whitman was the greatest individual winner of the day, being credited with a total of 17, including two firsts, two seconds and a third. Moulten of Oregon and Martin of Whitman, came next, each 14 points to their credit.

The scores of the individuals of each team was as follows:

Whitman.
Philbrook, 17; Martin, 14; Foster, 4; Dutcher, 3; Cox, 1; Felthouse, 1; Barnes, 1; Lewis, 1.

Oregon.
Moulten, 14; Kuykendall, 10; Zachary, 7; Huston, 6; Downs, 6; Roberts, 5; Sievers, 5; Reid, 4; Moon, 4; Gardner, 3; May, 1.

Heavyweights in Relay.

Trainer Hayward of Oregon, did not want to run the relay, because the meet was already won and he wished to keep his men in condition for the Pullman meet Saturday. But he was urged to do so for the sake of the spectators, to whom the relay is usually the most exciting event of the day. Accordingly an Oregon relay team was made up of their four weight men, furnishing a very amusing race for the crowd, Whitman winning by almost a full lap. The Whitman team, although not pressed, made very good time, circling the oval four times in 3:32.4-5. Martin, who ran the final quarter, made the remarkably good time of 51.2-5.

Money Still at Large.

The Montana officers who thought they had Money, the outlaw, cornered in a coulee failed to capture him.

BOURNE IS LEFT OFF DELEGATION

Taft Endorsed and Free Locks Demanded for Oregon City by Convention.

ASA B. THOMSON WILL GO TO NATIONAL MEETING.

Republican State and Congressional Conventions Being Held in Portland Today—Platform Adopted Endorses Roosevelt Policies and Work of Congressional Delegation, Condemns the Recall, Proportional Representation and the Single Tax Amendments to Constitution.

Portland, May 14.—The first district Oregon congressional convention met this morning, endorsed Taft and demanded free locks and canals at Oregon City. Elected E. R. Williams of Polk county, C. A. Sehlbreed of Coos, as delegates to the Chicago convention, with F. A. White of Klamath, and E. D. Cusick of Albany, alternates.

Second congressional district delegates are Asa B. Thomson of Umatilla county, and Dr. Henry Waldo Coe of Multnomah.

Portland, May 14.—The republicans of Oregon are meeting today in state convention called for the purpose of selecting four delegates at large to the Chicago convention and allowing the congressional districts an opportunity to meet and select their delegates to the national convention.

The Fulton-Taft faction will apparently have a predominating control over the organization of the convention and it is not thought that Senator Bourne will be given a place in the delegation. The slate at 1 o'clock today was: Delegates at large—Charles W. Fulton, Clatsop; George H. Williams, Multnomah; A. W. Gilbert, Marion; W. Kuykendall of Lane. Bourne's name was not mentioned in the convention this morning. An effort was made in the caucus of the Multnomah county delegation to have the junior senator endorsed as a delegate at large along with Judge Williams and Senator Fulton, but it met with defeat after a stormy debate, during which a resolution was passed endorsing Taft and condemning Fulton and in which Bourne's name was not mentioned.

A. J. Johnson was made temporary chairman, a credential committee was appointed and the convention adjourned until 2 o'clock.

ROOSEVELT INDORSED.

Portland, May 14.—The republican platform today adopted in the state convention endorsed Roosevelt's policies, and the work of the congressional delegation in congress.

An ironclad resolution for Taft which will bind the entire delegation to the war secretary, was adopted.

The platform commends the purchase of the locks and canals at Oregon City, condemns the recall, proportional representation and the single tax amendment to the constitution.

McGraw in Control at Spokane.

Spokane, May 14.—John H. McGraw of Kings county, is in complete control of today's republican state convention, which was called to order this morning.

Taft will be endorsed as will be the Roosevelt administration.

J. M. Ashton was made temporary chairman with the understanding that McGraw was to have the gavel when

JAPANESE DO NOT VISIT THE FLEET.

San Francisco, May 14.—A special order has been issued by Admiral Thomas directing the officers to take every precaution to prevent strangers from gaining access to the fire room, and engines of the ships.

Issuance of the order caused comment in the fleet as a general order to that effect was already in force.

A feature just observed today that among the thousands of visitors, not one Japanese has been aboard. It is believed that local Japs fearing that some outrage might be attempted, to avoid all suspicion, advised their countrymen to keep off the vessels entirely.

the permanent chairman is selected this afternoon.

On the slate for the delegates to the national convention are Frank T. Post and D. T. Ham of Spokane, R. A. Ballinger of Seattle, Emerson Hammer of Skagit county, and Robert Moran of San Juan.

McGraw won his fight largely through dropping all plans to fight the Taft endorsement.

RULER ASSASSINATED.

St. Petersburg, May 14.—It is rumored here that Ameer Habibullah Kahn, ruler of Afghanistan has been assassinated. It is impossible to obtain a confirmation of the news. If true it might lead to partial occupation of Afghanistan by the British.

Fight on in Georgia.

Macon, Ga., May 14.—With indications that it would develop into a free-for-all fight between the "lily white" and "black-and-tan" factions, the Georgia republican state convention was opened here today. The former element favors the endorsement of Taft, while the negro wing of the party is enthusiastic for Foraker.

CEMETERY FUND WANTED NOW

SUBSCRIBERS REQUESTED TO PAY UP THIS WEEK

Action on Contract Cannot Be Taken Until Money Is in Hands of Recorder—Many Applications for Saloon Licenses—Length of Time Will Depend Upon Election Result—Much North Side Street Improvement.

Those who have subscribed to the fund for improving the cemetery are asked to pay the amount of their subscriptions to Recorder Thomas Fitz Gerald between now and next Wednesday, and those who have not yet subscribed to the fund are urged to do so between now and that day.

At the council meeting last night the subject of letting the contract for watering the cemetery was again up but no action was taken because the money subscribed has not yet been paid in.

It is earnestly desired by the council to let the contract as soon as possible and so every effort will be made to collect as soon as possible and so every effort will be made to collect the money at once. Therefore, those who have offered to help the movement by personal subscriptions are asked to pay their respective amounts immediately.

During the meeting last night applications from 22 local saloons for license renewals were received and they were all referred to the license committee. The licenses expire June 1, and the length of time for which the new ones will be issued will depend upon the result of the election. Should the county go dry the saloonmen will be given licenses good up to July 1.

Much time was devoted to street improvement business last night, most of the work being on the north side streets.

MILITARY ROAD LAND ON THE MARKET

Three hundred thousand acres of southern Oregon land was placed on the market in Pendleton today when the Pendleton Investment company became sales agents for a portion of the military road grant in Klamath, Lake and Harney counties.

R. F. Fike, representing the Oregon Valley Land company of Kansas city, is in the city today from Portland and closed a contract with Pendleton Investment company to handle this immense tract of rich agricultural land in southern Oregon and Pendleton is now the eastern Oregon headquarters for the land company.

REGISTRATION WAS BEST MEETING

Dr. Withycombe Declares Umatilla Will be Densely Populated.

PENDLETON SHOULD BECOME CITY OF 100,000 PEOPLE.

Director of Experiment Station Says Fertile Soil Is Capable of Sustaining an Unlimited Population—Appreciation Expressed by Local Men for Work Being Done by O. R. & N. and the State Agricultural College—Dr. McClure Gives Local Council a Terrible Jolt on Livestock Question.

Last evening an informal reception was given in the Commercial association rooms to the members of the demonstration train party and it turned out to be the finest "booster" meeting that has yet been held here. Though no announcement had been made of the meeting the rooms were filled with local people, several from the east end and the members of the party.

In a brief address R. Alexander, president of the association, warmly welcomed the visiting railroad men and professors and then called upon Dr. Withycombe for a few remarks.

A Bonanza County.
In responding, the agricultural college man gave a talk that for encouragement made the walls ring as they have never done before. In speaking of the present large farms in the county the doctor had no censure for the land owners personally but declared they were doing but what others would do if able. However, he reiterated his former statement that those now here do not realize one-tenth part of the natural advantages of the county and he declared that in the course of time Pendleton will see a densely settled country about it and the city larger in proportion.

"I have said that Pendleton might reach a population of 50,000," said he, "but I will go better than that and say that if this entire section, wheat land and irrigated tracts, are settled with the number of people the land will sustain, this city should have a population of 100,000 people."

Local Men Speak.
At the conclusion of Dr. Withycombe's talk different local people were called upon to speak, for the members of the party had requested that such be done, saying they wished to hear what the people of the county had to say regarding their work.

Accordingly a dozen or more Umatilla county men were called forth and some excellent talks were given. All showed deep appreciation of the work being done by the railroad company and the agricultural college people and most of the speakers took views similar to those of Dr. Withycombe and his associates. Among those to speak were Will Moore, W. T. Shaw of Milton, A. S. Pearson, J. S. Vinson of Frowater, J. H. Gwynn, M. B. Gwynn, Dr. W. G. Cole, T. C. Taylor, F. W. Vincent, Prof. Hunter, Dr. McClure and others.

The Livestock Industry.

In the talk by Dr. S. W. McClure he said some things that were very pointed and tended to take conceit out of those who have heralded eastern Oregon as a livestock country. According to the doctor, the west is not now the livestock section of the country. Ohio, with but a small area, raises as many sheep as does Oregon, because diversified methods are used. He said that there is not sufficient mutton in the state to supply the local markets and showed how beef, mutton and hogs are now being shipped westward from Omaha and other centers of the middle west.

Dr. K. A. J. McKenzie, O. R. & N. physician, who is accompanying the train, was also called upon and gave a most interesting talk. He likened

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DAVE LAVENDER IS SUED FOR \$5,000

In a suit filed in the circuit court today A. B. Reed, father of the late Justin Reed, who was shot a year ago by Dave Lavender, marshal of Weston, seeks to recover \$5000 damages from Lavender for his act.

The complaint was filed today by Messrs Pruitt & Oliver, attorneys for Reed, and the complaint recites the facts of young Reed's death. He was

shot at Weston on March 29, 1907, and died on April 22 from the effect of the wound.

It is contended by the plaintiff that the killing of young Reed was wrongful and entirely unnecessary. By his death the plaintiff lost the benefit of his son's services and accordingly he asks judgment for the amount above named.