



DISCUSSED THE CROPS.

Farmers in Town Saturday Say It Has Rained Enough.

Farmers from different parts of the county were in Corvallis, Saturday, and some of them talked about the hay, grain and fruit crops.

One man stated that out on his farm a large field of clover is standing, ready for the mower, and the yield is heavy, but it is impossible to get into the field to cut it on account of the soggy, heavy condition of the ground. Just how much the grass will be damaged is of course not yet determined, but that there will be damage to some extent seems certain.

Grain, too, it is feared, will be materially damaged, as wheat will not fill when the weather is so cold and rainy as it has been for several weeks, and hop men also are anxiously asking what will happen to their hops, as such conditions are certain to mean lice and that in turn means a crop more or less below the standard.

Taken altogether, the spring has been unusual, and has caused some depression in nearly all lines of business hereabouts.

However, a better prospect for crops has not been seen in this section for a number of years, and if sunshine prevails from now on, there will be an abundant harvest in spite of the present unfavorable conditions.

The fruit crop will be a prize winner, if no mishap befalls it, although strawberries have suffered from the rains. So far they have not been less than five cents per box in the local market, which demonstrates the delay in ripening, due to the backward spring. Red raspberries are just beginning to come into market in small quantities, and are selling at four boxes for twenty-five cents. Cherries are plentiful and an immense crop of prunes is promised.

A Sad Ending.

The sad and shocking news came over the wires early Friday morning that Harvey Burns, father of Archie Burns, of this city, had been suddenly killed at Los Angeles. Mr. Burns was a station agent and it is understood that in the act of "sealing" the cars he was run over by the train, his body being cut in two. Orders were sent for the remains to be embalmed and shipped to Corvallis for burial, and they are expected to arrive here today. Mrs. Burns and her son have spent the past few years in this city while the latter has been at college. He graduated last Wednesday, being the honored valedictorian of his class, and a favorite among the students generally.

Deceased was for a time, two years ago, agent for the O. R. & N. in this city, and several years ago he was the S. P. agent here. He paid a visit to his family in Corvallis last fall and Mrs. Burns and Archie were planning to go to Los Angeles as soon as they could make ready after the close of college.

For the survivors in their hour of deep sorrow, there is sincere and universal sympathy.

A Great Occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edwards left Friday for Mayville, Eastern Oregon, to spend the summer. They were to have gone a week ago but were detained by the illness of their little son. They were to have reached the Edwards home in time to participate in the fifth annual re-union of the Rinehart and Edwards families, an event which began Sunday and will last at least a week. There is a great deal of interest in it as it is attended by several hundred people, all relatives,

and a special rate is made by the railroads to those who go.

The occasion is marked by jollity and merry-making from start to finish. There are tents in which the families reside, and one immense tent serves as the kitchen and dining room. Cooks are hired for the week and feasting is a part of the event. The organization owns its own dishes and other paraphernalia, and nothing is lacking to make the happiness of everyone complete.

This year the re-union will be held on the Edwards farm, it having occurred in Portland a year ago.

Among those who will attend it are Clay, Earl and Carl Rinehart, graduates of OAC, and Philip Rinehart, who attended college the past year.

A New Enterprise.

Corvallis boasts a new enterprise under the name of the Corvallis Ice and Butter Company, which opens its doors to the business public tomorrow morning. The plant is housed in the old ice house, and the promoters are Guy Seely, B. D. Arnold, John Creson and others.

New machinery throughout has been provided and the work of installing the separator, vats, churn, pasteurizer and other parts will be completed today. Everything is modern and first class, and there is promise of a good business for the firm.

Already bids for butter are coming in from Portland and elsewhere, and cream has been engaged from Alsea, Kings Valley and other rural districts. Four delivery wagons are to be operated, gathering up the cream twice each week and bringing it to the plant where it will be converted into golden butter balls in which the trade mark is to be "Willamette."

The butter-maker for the firm arrived a few days ago from Union. He is Jacob Fleser who graduated from a Michigan college in 1895 and has ever since been personally engaged in making butter, two years being spent with the Grande Ronde creamery.

Henry Price has been engaged as cream solicitor for the firm, and has met with good success.

Many Will Attend.

The program has been received in Corvallis for the 13th annual assembly of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua association, and the promise held out is that the meeting will be the best in the history of the association.

There are poets, orators, musicians, athletes, teachers, artists, men of science and men of skill, professional entertainers, famous lecturers, singers of renown and story tellers, both men and women. Captain Jack Crawford, the Poet-Scout, has a national reputation; Leon Harrison is the most popular Jewish Rabbi in America; Martha Gielow has made a fortune with her "Old Plantation Songs and Stories"; Miss Belle Kearney is called the Greatest Woman Orator ever produced by the South; Professor Bauungardt has the knack of making astronomy popular, and Mark Beal is a reader and impersonator said to be the peer of any in America. To enumerate the list of great lecturers would fill columns, many of them illustrated with stereopticons and all of them proceeded and followed by solos and orchestral music.

It announces this year a musical program never excelled in Oregon, including the leading soloists of the state, and a chorus of one hundred voices and twenty-one instrumentalists in Hayden's Oratorio, "The Creation," on Saturday, July 14, and a second great evening of oratorio from Mendelssohn on Saturday evening, July 21, all under the direction of Prof W Gifford Nash.

GREAT THINGS FOR IT.

Newport by the Sea Has Promise of Rapid Improvement.

Willis Vidito returned Friday from a visit to the coast, and according to his statement things are on the boom at Newport by the sea.

It appears that an effort has recently been made by capitalists to secure the water front at that place, offering to put in a saw mill with a capacity of 150,000 feet per day if the deal is made.

On the other hand, promoters of the much discussed railroad from Portland to San Francisco, who are supposed to be backed by Eastern capitalists, have urged Newport to hold fast to the water front, which in the past was promised to the first railroad that should build through Newport along the coast. This railroad, they declare is a certainty, and they aver that it will mean more to Newport than the sale of the water front could possibly mean, with the promised establishment of the big mill.

The railroaders claim to have already secured possession of the coast line from San Francisco to Eureka, a stretch of probably 250 miles, which would render the proposed connection with Portland most feasible and convenient.

The road promised for the coast is to be a one per cent grade and a five per cent curve, which would mean a possibility of great speed in service, when completed.

Just what occurred at the Newport council meeting, which Mr. Vidito was invited to attend, is of course not public matter, but Mr. Vidito seems to have confidence in the railroad, since he purchased a five acre tract of land in Yaquina from William Crees, immediately upon his return. Not content with that, he proceeded to dispose of certain property in East Portland, trading it for 150 acres just north of Yaquina.

While in Newport, Mr. Vidito states that two large surveying parties left there, one headed north and the other south presumably in the interest of the proposed road.

Considerable property has changed hands at Newport this spring, much building has been done, side-walks laid and other improvements made, and the town is in a very prosperous condition.

They Have Incorporated.

Over at the clerk's office Friday articles of incorporation were filed by the T. J. Thorp Manufacturing Company. It is stated in the papers that the purposes of the company are to "develop, perfect and manufacture and sell in the markets of the world certain self-propelled agricultural and commercial machines, and other related devices and appliances."

The principal place of business will be Corvallis.

The amount of capital stock is quoted at \$8,000, divided into stock at \$100 per share.

The incorporators are, W. A. Buchanan, W. P. Lafferty, M. S. Bush, C. H. Woodcock, F. L. Kent, F. M. Hopkins, T. J. Thorp, R. N. Williamson and R. E. Lafferty.

T. J. Thorp, the inventor, and W. P. Lafferty are now in Portland in the interests of these self-propelled machines.

'Frisco's Optimism.

The real San Francisco is her capacity for service in the commerce and intercourse of her wide environment, says W. D. Wood in the Pacific Monthly for June. San Francisco has lost some of her instruments of service, but the people whose service have

made her great still live and love their city, and those who, scattered over a half globe of lands and seas, look to her for service, still live and love San Francisco more than ever.

San Francisco's optimism does not rest on illusions. Neither does it detract from the splendid heroism of her people in preserving courage and hope in a time of danger, surprise and bereavement to admit that her optimism rests on good grounds. San Francisco's optimism is based on fearlessness and clear-headedness. She triumphs in her trial because she has never for a moment lost these faculties. The world sympathizes with her in her trial, but loves her more for her triumph. The world will be glad, too, when it knows the facts, to congratulate San Francisco upon the smallness of her apparent catastrophe, and later to rejoice with her in her surpassing restoration.

"Cob" Blair Dead.

Colbert P. Blair, for over fifty years a resident of Benton county, where for thirty years he served as bailiff of the circuit court, is dead. Sunday's Oregonian contained the details of his passing, in a dispatch from Pendleton, as follows:

At the ripe age of 100 years and five months, Colbert P. Blair died just before noon today at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Martha N. Sawtelle, 620 Cosbie street.

Colbert P. Blair was born in Raleigh, N. C., December 26, 1807. At the age of 48 he settled at Corvallis, Benton county, and lived there for many years, coming to Pendleton about thirteen years ago. At his death Mr. Blair leaves three sons and a daughter, all of whom are well along in years.

T. J. Blair, one son, lives here, and serves as bailiff in the circuit court. John Blair, another son, lives in Idaho, while a third son, James H. Blair, is a resident of Southern Oregon. The daughter is Mrs. Meekle Trapp, of Philomath. Mrs. Martha M. Sawtelle, of this city, the granddaughter of the deceased, while Royal and Miss Esma Sawtelle are great-grandchildren.

Hugh Herron of Irish Bend was a Corvallis visitor yesterday.

Mrs. Mary Miller, who has been ill for a long time, is not improved.

The contract has been awarded to Newton Adams and George Carl of this city for a fine, large church that is to be built immediately at Carlton.

During the removal of the Johnson Porter building, the Western Union telegraph office will be moved to the T. D. Campbell bakery, where it will be located temporarily.

Last night, after the Gazette press hour, a surprise party was to be given at the home of Misses Libbie and Lulu Rice, by the Epworth League of the M. E. church, in honor of Miss Mabel Robinson, who leaves today for Lisbon North Dakota.

Marion Moores of the Pacific Coast Biscuit company of Portland, one of the best known drummers who "make" Corvallis regularly, has been promoted to a position in the firm's office, and his place on the road will be taken by Mr. Livingston.

At their last meeting the Rebels elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: N. G., Miss Lillian Ranney; V. G., Miss Lulu Spangler; sec'y, Mrs. Maud Hays; financial sec'y, Mrs. Emily Henkle; treasurer, Mrs. Fannie Oren. A banquet was a feature of the evening.

A petition was in circulation yesterday, and was signed by nearly all the business people, asking that the G. A. R. and W. R. C. encampment next year be held in Corvallis. The encampment is to begin at Grand Pass, and it is figured that Corvallis may as well have the benefit and pleasure of the event next year.



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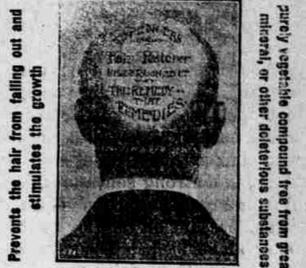
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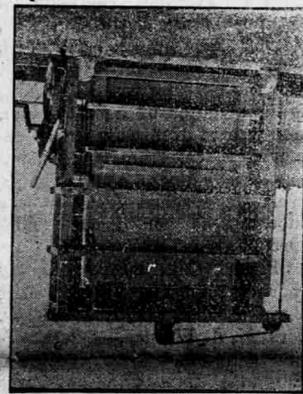
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