

### DAIRY MEETING HELD.

Large Attendance and Many Interesting Subjects Discussed.

At a meeting of dairymen held Tuesday evening at the Alco club rooms in Albany, Prof. G. L. McKay, dairy expert of the Iowa Agricultural College was the principal speaker, being followed by Dr. James Withycombe of Corvallis. The Herald gives the following in regard to the meeting:

Professor McKay spoke at length on the dairy industry, and compared the conditions in this section of the country to those prevailing in England, showing that the climatic conditions were practically the same. He pronounced Oregon to be the best live-stock state in the union.

Showing that wheat impoverishes the land, while dairying enriches the soil, Professor McKay cited the experience of the people of Belgium, Holland, Germany and the Island of Jersey, where the most valuable land is that devoted to dairying, and he predicted that if the dairy industry in this valley could be brought to the point where it should be, the land of the valley would be valued at from \$100 to \$200 per acre and more, and with a proper system the production of the land would be greatly increased.

He advised the purchase of dairy strains of cattle for this valley, such as the Guernseys, Jerseys and Holsteins, and also to keep in mind the fact that it was necessary to improve the strains of stock by breeding, selection and feeding properly. For practical dairy purposes grades were often very satisfactory, and he cited the case of a Canadian dairyman whose grade Holstein cow held the record of producing 1,000 pounds of butter in one year.

The selection of good dairy stock, cleanliness in handling the product, scientific feeding and the enrichment of the soil were the principal points made, and he especially emphasized the selection of the individual cow, and frequent and thorough tests of individual cows and herds, weighing milk and feed to ascertain how profitable each dairy animal was.

Following the address of Professor McKay, Dr. James Withycombe, director of the OAC experiment station, was introduced and spoke briefly on the possibilities of the soil in Oregon, and especially in the Willamette valley. At the farm, he stated, 20 cows had been kept this summer on five acres, and the production of the land where it had been farmed in a scientific manner was enormous. He pronounced the dairy cow the forerunner of prosperity and the introduction of the cow as the first step toward wealth, and stated that when the first creamery was built in Washington county the farmers were growing grain and were gradually going into debt, but now with dairies and creameries and two condensed milk factories the county supported five banks, holding deposits for farmers aggregating \$1,000,000, and the cows did it. He urged encouragement of the dairy industry and the subdivision of the farms as the surest step toward prosperity.

### The Experting Completed.

Benton county's sheriff is the second in the state to pay too much money over to the county during his term of office. The first was Sheriff Johnson of Gilliam county, whose books were experted recently. This statement was published in a Portland paper a few days ago. But when W. G. Emery completed the task yesterday of experting the Benton county books, it was discovered that Sheriff Burnett also had paid over to the county \$21.21 more than its due.

In the case of Recorder T. T. Vincent, Clerk Moses and Su-

perintendent Denman, small delinquencies were found, due wholly to clerical errors in entering items in the various record books. These shortages were made good, and there is no possible reflection to be thrown on these worthy officials, as the books were all in the finest shape and the errors were insignificant and likely to occur in any office.

The books of County Treasurer Buchanan balanced to a penny, and Mr. Buchanan is certainly deserving of complimentary notice for the excellence of his service to Benton county.

When Mr. Emery struck his totals yesterday, he had a string of paper 52 feet long with figures on both sides, and these balanced to the cent. It will take about two days to prepare his final report on the work.

### Write of Their Experiences.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Horton of this city are now in Umatilla county, and to the Gazette Mr. Horton sends the following note from Milton:

"Since we arrived here the weather has been very warm; no day but what it has been 90 to 104. The Walla Walla river valley here is 12 miles long and about one-fourth mile wide; above here it is very narrow. The hills are very high, from 500 to 600 feet, and all bare. There is some timber in the valley, or they call it timber, but in Benton county we would call it brush.

"From Pendleton to Walla Walla is a fine wheat country; all the fall wheat is a good crop. They are harvesting now, but spring grain will be damaged by the hot weather.

"I had a ride through the country in an automobile and went around some in a buggy, but the hot weather prevented me from going as much as I should have liked.

"The fruit in the Walla Walla valley was nearly all killed by heavy frosts in the spring. Other places it was damaged to a great extent.

"My wife is feeling better than when we left Corvallis.

"We have trout nearly every day. We are going to Spokane from here. As it is farther north it may be cooler.

S. H. HORTON.

In connection with the above the Gazette is also furnished the following data concerning the Northwestern Gas and Electric Company's power plant, situated on the south fork of the Walla Walla river, in Umatilla county, about six and one-half miles from Milton:

This plant consists of three 500 kilowatt units at present, with provisions for installing the fourth of like capacity, or 2,666-horse power, with proper step-up transformers, which raises the machine's voltage from 2,300 to 25,000, at which voltage the current is transmitted to Walla Walla, Wash., 14 miles away, also to Pendleton, Or., 37 miles, and is used for lighting and power purposes.

The water for operating said plant is diverted five and one-half miles above the plant and carried to a reservoir, through a barrel stave pipe four inches in diameter, the head obtained is 375 pounds pressure.

This plant was started in operation Jan. 1, 1905, and was visited by a flood in May, 1906, which seriously damaged it, four out of six 250 kilowatt transformers being dropped into the river, besides extensive damage to pipe line, the loss being between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

The ordinance that provides for the removal of all wooden awnings from Main street, where the supports extend down to the sidewalk, was amended at the last council meeting. As amended, all public hotels are excepted from this ordinance and allowed the privilege of having such awnings, if desired.

### CONCRETE WALKS FOR CITY

Ordinance That Concerns Many Corvallis People.

At the meeting Monday night of the city council an ordinance was passed which establishes the concrete sidewalk limits for the city of Corvallis. The resolution was presented by the ordinance committee, having been framed by the Citizens' League. The ayes were, Irvine, Holmes, Chambers, Lilly and Wiles. Absent, Hout, Coveli, Francisco and Fuller.

As the measure effects many property owners, it is being widely discussed, and as usual in such cases, is favored by some and bitterly objected to by others.

The gist of the ordinance is contained in the first section thereof, and in full reads as follows:

"All sidewalks which may hereafter be constructed within the city of Corvallis within the limits of the district bounded on the North by the center of Van Buren street, on the west by the west side of Ninth street, on the South by the center of Washington street and on the East by the West line of the alley between First and Second streets shall be constructed of artificial stone of concrete and cement, and the district aforesaid shall be known as the 'concrete sidewalk district.'"

### Why Not?

In spite of "Clean-Up" day, with all its offers of free drays and free help, and in the face of all that has been said and written asking the people to clean up their premises in this city, there is apparently no interest taken in the matter except by a few, a very few, residents. What is wrong? Are Corvallis citizens less public spirited than those of neighboring cities? Are they lacking in the kind of pride that causes a man to take a personal interest in seeing things orderly and urges him to do all he can to aid in the movement towards cleanliness?

What is wrong with the church people that so many of the church grounds are overgrown with weeds, littered with rubbish and show a woeful lack of attention? The best class of citizens ought surely to set an example for others, and no better place could be found on which to manifest a desire for order, beauty and cleanliness than several of the local church lawns and back yards.

Another thing in connection with cleaning up: Don't dump your trash, dead cats, dogs, and other rubbish onto the vacant lot just over the fence. That lot belongs to someone, and that "someone" will have it to clean up, and may make it uncomfortable for you if he learns who imposed upon him in such a way. These things have already been done in Corvallis, and it is time that a halt was called.

Let everyone look to his own property and in cleaning up his home premises every man is doing the best thing possible for a beautiful and healthful Corvallis. Soon the rain will be here again, so let church people, the common people, and all the people, join in the move and rid Corvallis of all the shacks, china dens, rubbish piles, unsightly alleys, untidy grounds and other eyesores that mar an otherwise lovely city.

### Newport.

In looking up and down the streets of Corvallis these days one is apt to pause and inquire "Where are they?" meaning the residents who are usually to be seen. Judging from reports a great many are at Newport, while others seek the mountain shade and gurgling springs and brooks. A letter from Newport on

Wednesday, sent to a Corvallis friend, contains several items of local interest. The writer says:

There is certainly a mob of people here this year, and several from Corvallis, the most important being Mr. Hopkins and the dog. Mack Porter is here and Pole Avery, also Dick Graham and family, Prof. E. F. Pernot and family, Mrs. Lucy Francisco and Miss J. N. McLennan, Travis McDevitt, and others.

Dick Kiger and family and Grant Elgin and family, and their guest Miss Floyd, arrived yesterday and are at the Abbey House. Prof. McKellips and Prof. Taillandier and wives came yesterday, also, and are at the Bay View.

Miss Opal Williams, a former well-known OAC student, her sister Julia, Mr. Allen and Miss Gertrude Galbreath, all of Salem, came a day or two ago. You can ask Sam Hartsock who Miss Galbreath is, if you don't know.

Claude Murphy, of Corvallis, is employed at the Newport House, and Pearl Jones, Eula Austin and Miss Patton are in the Abbey House.

### No Bugs in Benton.

There are many things for which Benton county should be thankful. For instance, a party just returned from a trip through Idaho tells of the cricket plague in that state, the insects appearing in clouds and destroying whole fields of grain. One means of protection employed by ranchers is tacking a wide strip of tin just above the bottom board on the fence, it being impossible for the pests to clamber up the tin. As the crickets hop, but cannot fly, this saves the grain in the field so protected.

It is said if a coat or other garment is thrown on the ground for even a few moments, the crickets will have gnawed holes in it before you pick it up. No such torments are found in the Willamette—the Eden of the west.

### Women Are Making Hay.

On every hand and every day the complaint is heard that help cannot be had for love nor money, in the hay fields of Oregon. Not only in Benton county is the difficulty experienced but all over the state, and even in Eastern Oregon where they are offering from \$4 to \$5 per day and cannot get men even at that.

In Benton, women are coming to the rescue in their usual "unexpected" manner, and are working side by side with husbands, fathers and brothers.

Some of these women are loading hay, some are driving a team, hauling, while still others are driving the horse on the hay fork at the big barn on the ranch.

One of these girls is an OAC graduate and a popular teacher of Benton county, but with rare good sense she has not disdained to make herself useful and is driving the horse on a hayfork at a relative's ranch not so many miles north of Corvallis.

And yet, while women are lending their aid in caring for the crop, there are creatures who call themselves men, who are seen loafing about town today, refusing to take fair wages and go to work.

Miss Nellie Marvin, saleslady at Nolan's, leaves Sunday for her home at Peoria to enjoy a two weeks' vacation rest.

Sam Thurston, the former OAC student and football player, has returned from Portland where he went to take treatment for tuberculosis, and is now at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thurston at Wells.

The Presbyterian social on the court house lawn Tuesday evening attracted a large crowd and everything in the way of refreshments was sold. Over \$30 was taken in and the Presbyterian people are appreciative of the generous patronage bestowed by the public.

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