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Hints on Dressing and Serving Salads
Domestic Notes.

Most salads should be dressed just before serving, whether French dressing or mayonnaise is used. Celery or lettuce wilts if left in oil and vinegar. Celery should not even be washed long before serving, as it becomes rusty. Potato salad, however, is an exception to the rule. Potatoes take up large quantities of oil and need to be very well mixed with whatever dressing is used.

Salads made of greens should always be served crisp and cold. Canned or cold cooked left over vegetables are well utilized in salads, but are best mixed with French dressing and should be placed in the refrigerator an hour or so before serving. Meats for salads should be freed from skin and gristle, cut into small pieces and allowed to stand with French dressing before combining with vegetables.

Ribbon Sandwiches.

These are made in different ways, varying both breads and filling, according to fancy. For instance, take six thin slices of bread and butter on both sides. Spread layers of deviled ham or chicken between, then press the slices firmly together.

Since crosswise, making thin ribbon-like sandwiches, or use alternate slices, wafer thin, of white and brown bread, with a filling of cream cheese and chopped nuts or olives.

When Soup is Too Salt.
When too much salt has been put in the soup a little vinegar and sugar carefully added will often remedy the fault. If discovered in time a few pieces of potato scalded in it will have the same effect. They should be strained out before the soup is served.

Ironing Table Linen.
Linen articles of all kinds should get as much fresh air as possible and should be ironed while damp. The use of hot, heavy irons and pressing out while damp are two of the most important points to be borne in mind when ironing table linen.

To Iron Needlework.
An easy way to iron needlework and embroidery so as to raise it and make it look like new is to dampen quite wet and press on the wrong side over a Turkish towel folded twice on the ironing board.

EVERYBODY BUSY.

**Preparing for Fair—Teachers
Send Good Reports.**

Following is a list of reports as to what is being done in preparation for Benton's big school fair:

DISTRICT NO. 51, SUMMIT.
If care and perseverance count, and we all know they do, District No. 51 will have some fine exhibits at the Fair, especially from the boy raising pumpkins. One little girl who wanted to raise onions but was afraid they would not ripen here in time, will take part in the ciphering. She is glad that it does not require days of sunshine but days of practice to acquire perfection and rapidity in her work. Good reports come daily from the flower beds.
MINNIE PRICE, Teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 21.
Our school is interested in the Benton County School Fair. We expect to bring writing, butter and bread, sewing and agricultural exhibits. Those who expect to bring exhibits are: Clive Rickard, Harvey Rickard, Laura Trenholm, Eva Trenholm, Merle Mires and Lester Porter. We will try for prizes but if we do not succeed in getting any, we want at least to have an exhibit that will not go unnoticed, and shall show what we can do.
HATTIE BERREMAN, Teacher.

SECOND REPORT, DISTRICT NO. 36, SUMMIT.
The following report is sent from this district on matters concerning the Fair in August: The pupils from this district are very enthusiastic over the All Benton School Fair. They manifest much interest in most all the lines of work, especially in the growth of their plants, for which they hope to receive prizes, when they reach maturity. One of the girls, who is very quick in ciphering, will participate in that contest and will surely win some laurels for the Summit school. Several of the girls have decided to enter the contest for bread making, also the hand work in sewing. We are all going to put forth our very best efforts for one of the best exhibits, and sincerely hope to win some of the honors presented to the pupils of this county. Very respectfully,
BELLE K. MATTLEY, Teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 41, ALSEA.
Interest in the All Benton Fair is being taken among the parents and pupils of District No. 41 of Alsea. Although the pupils are few in number, I think from indications that they are doing their best and will make a good showing at the Fair. Seeds have long been planted, and the children are telling how fine their potatoes, corn, etc., are beginning to look. The boys are raising vegetables while the girls are taking more interest in the cooking and sewing departments. The following pupils are expecting to take part: Fredie Tharp, Vera Tharp, Harry Tharp, Mabel Tharp, Minnie Shough, Mae Banton, Elsa Banton, Leora Banton, Bennie Wren, Eva Wren, Gladys Rycraft, and Maud Rycraft. This Fair means very much to Benton county, and I think the parents should take more interest in the work of their children. No better material exists than that of District No. 41, and the children have a little encouragement, it is no telling how much will be done, and how many prizes will not be taken with ease. Alsea is noted for the fertility of her soil, and she will not be far from the prize winner. Very respectfully,
EUNICE BALDWIN, Teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 14, WOODS CREEK.
We wish to acquaint our friends with the work of this district for the All Benton Fair. The pupils are competing with each other to see who will have the best agricultural display. They are taking much interest in their

gardens, and all were supplied with garden seeds in time for planting. The girls are eagerly watching the growth of the flowers that will soon be blooming. They will also do needle work, drawing, writing, and as some of our pupils are quite proficient in ciphering and spelling, they will take part in those contests. Although we are few in numbers, we will do our utmost to help the work along, and carry away some of the prizes and honors. Truly,
MAUDE HARPER, Teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 31.
I think the All Benton School Fair promises to be a big thing for Benton county. It has been my great pleasure to talk with my pupils concerning the Fair for the past four months, and I hope that I may have the privilege of seeing some of my pupils carry off some of the grand prizes that are to be given away. They have told me how they made their garden beds, how they prepared the ground, what seeds each used, how they planted their seeds, and now how they are caring for them. They each think surely, they can get a prize of some kind at the All Benton School Fair. Very Truly,
YULE HASH, Teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 33.
We are the youngest school district in the county, having only been recently organized into a school district. Notwithstanding this we are growing rapidly. Lewis Howell, aged ten years, will bring wheat, oats, corn, potatoes, rutabaga, muskmelons and pumpkins; Davis Howell, aged twelve years, will bring corn, watermelons, squash and cabbage; Mary Howell, aged 8 years, will bring nasturtiums and cipher; Mattie Howell, aged 6 years, will bring sweet peas, and cipher; May Fouts, aged 13, will bring bread. Very Truly,
JULIA M. DUMOULIN, Teacher.

[In the next issue will appear reports from the Corvallis Public Schools. Sup't Denman informs us that some of the teachers have not reported to him up to the present time. If these teachers desire to have their rooms included with the other reports of the city and county there is no time left for delay. The next list of reports will include all the reports to be printed, so let every teacher in the Corvallis Schools who has not reported the work of their pupils do it at once. Send the reports to this office. This is the request of the County School Superintendent.—Editor.]

Successful Experiment.

Oswald West, a member of the Oregon railroad commission, has been in Corvallis the past few days, having come for the purpose of witnessing a test that was made, Sunday, of an irrigating plant that has been installed at his hop house near this city. The test was highly successful and those interested felt very much pleased over results.

The water for the purpose is drawn from what is known as the "middle Willamette" by means of a large pump operated by a gasoline engine. This water is carried by 800 feet of flume to the hop yard, the highest point in the flume being six feet, which gives sufficient fall for the purpose. The present plant is capable of furnishing 800 gallons of water per minute, and if the experiment proves that irrigation is profitable and feasible the capacity of the plant will be increased so that 1500 gallons per minute will be available. This year Mr. West and Mr. Howell have rented an engine for the experiment, but in case they continue irrigating, they will purchase their own equipment and install a first class plant. The hop yard being experimented on contains 30 acres, and the result will be of great interest throughout the Willamette Valley.

APPROVES THE PLAN

**Of President Kerr—Agricultural
Short Course at OAC.**

The Portland Journal approves of the proposed short course for teachers, at OAC. Editorially it gives expression to its ideas as follows:

Oregonians ought to know Oregon; but they don't. They have a state that is, in itself, an empire. No matter what crop they may ask their soil for, it will be produced. Even those who own the land do not grasp its full virtue and value. They do not know how the climate fits the soil, and what the matchless combination is capable of. Thus, we import poultry products when we ought to export them. We import hog products when we can produce them cheaper than any competitor. Indeed, we import a score of products of which we should be exporters.

This means we have been lax in learning Oregon. We do not know the real, living facts about Oregon, and because of it we waste our substance. Because we do not ourselves know the truth about Oregon, we have a population of but half a million. If we knew all and told all, the state's population would run into millions.

In agriculture allied crops alone we are a kingdom. We need not call the coal, gold, silver, copper and forests of our mountains in to review to realize our splendor. In agricultural lines we can grow any crop known to the temperate zone, and grow it perfectly. It is a striking fact, and one of incomputable value. But how many Oregonians know it? If they do not know it of what value are all these favored conditions? That is why the adoption of a textbook on agriculture for the public schools was a wise act.

It is important that at least the children should know Oregon, even though their parents do not. They will be its citizens later, and molders of its destiny. If they learn of its soil, its crops and its fruitage, Oregon will come by and by, into her own.

This makes timely the offer of President-Elect Kerr to give at the state agricultural college a short course in agriculture for the benefit of Oregon teachers. They know little or nothing of the subject, but are called on to teach it. Their efforts will avail little with themselves unschooled. The offer of laboratories, lectures and skilled instruction at Corvallis will help them to illuminate a subject of vital consequence to Oregon and pave the way for Oregonians to comprehend Oregon.

McFadden "Got" Them.

District Attorney W. S. McFadden arrived in the city last Saturday from Newport and proceeded to dig up information against Gust Olson, who was strongly suspected of violating the local option law, says the Lincoln Leader. In a short time Prosecutor McFadden secured the necessary evidence and Gust was invited to appear before Circuit Judge Harris, who told him to call again at 9 o'clock on Monday morning. At the appointed hour Gust was on hand with a plea of guilty. Judge Harris assessed Gust \$200 for his carelessness and warned him to be good. It was Gust's second offense and he was entitled to the limit, but the complaint failed to set forth the fact, which let him down easy.

While in Newport Prosecutor McFadden rounded up Charlie Winant, Gene Williams and Jack Porter on the same charge. The trouble sellers pleaded guilty and Justice Sylvester taxed them \$100 per head.

District Attorney McFadden promises to keep busy along this line, and liquor selling in Lincoln

county will probably prove less profitable than in the past. A great many men will drink, but not many will lie when placed under oath.

"Rough House" at Toledo.

Ed Collins of Siletz got into trouble in Toledo Tuesday morning. According to Gust Olson's story, Ed went into Gust's refreshment parlor and asked for booze, but was turned down, because Gust has quit selling booze—it may be for years and it may be forever. The firm refusal made Ed mad and he promptly hopped onto Gust's frame, slammed it onto the floor and tried to shut off its air supply. Gust managed to let out a cry for help, and Bob Sailing came a-running. He yanked Ed off his victim, and then Ed made a rush for Bob. The latter wasn't so easy, and soon had Ed flying signals of distress. Having a high sense of honor, Bob permitted Ed to regain his feet, likewise a little wind. Ed showed his gratitude by trying Bob again, but with the same result. Gust and Bob then left the place and Ed followed them.

In front of the Parker House Ed made his final charge on the enemy's line. Bob went down from the shock. Seeing his rescuer temporarily getting the worst of the mix-up, Gust seized a brick and applied it to Ed's head. That ended the battle. Ed was placed in cold storage until about 9 o'clock, when he was introduced to Recorder Krogstad, who assessed him \$15. Ed dug up \$9.50 and promised to make good the shortage as soon as possible. He neglected to tell where he got his load of fighting whiskey.

He Learned It.

The Park avenue trolley line in the city of Rochester is crossed by three consecutive streets which bear masculine surnames. An Irishman with a carpetbag entered one of the cars the other day and sat down gingerly near the door. Four or five other men completed the list of passengers. The car swung around the corner of Chestnut street. "James," shouted the conductor. A man signaled him, the car stopped and the man alighted. A half minute afterward the car neared another cross street.

"William," announced the conductor. Another man got out. The Irishman's eyes grew visibly larger.

"Alexander," shouted the conductor. The third man left the car.

When it had started on the Irishman arose and approached the conductor.

"Oi want to git out at Avnoo B," he said. Me front name is Michael."—Ex.

Washing Flannels.

The best way to wash any kind of flannel garments, to keep them soft and woolly as when new, is to put a teaspoonful of liquid ammonia in the water when washing, and again in the warm rinsing water. If this be done flannel of any kind will never get hard and spoiled as one sometimes sees it.

Ivory Knife Handles.

When the blades of knives require washing or standing in water, it should be done in a pitcher with water enough to cover the blades but not to touch the handles, and the water no hotter than is absolutely necessary. Soaking the handles in water makes them crack.

To Wash Pongee.

Plain pongee may be washed in warm soapsuds and ironed when quite dry. If ironed on the wrong side the new effect will be retained. If the material is embroidered in colors it should be washed in gasoline. It is well, however, to experiment with a sample first.