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THURSDAY, November 9, 1911

An interesting program has been arranged for the annual exhibit of the Oregon Horticultural Society, November 15-17, which will be held in the Yeon Building, Portland. Discussion of the many phases of fruit growing by experts in their various lines will be big features of the coming meeting, each day having strong attractions. Not only will theory be developed in these talks but the result of scientific practice will be shown in the fine exhibits of apples to be on display.

A big stock show will be held at the Portland Union stockyards next March, the dates being 18, 19 and 20. It will take \$6,000 to pay the premiums. Considering there are no entry charges and no gate fees, this is a very liberal prize list. There is the Second Annual Pacific Northwest Livestock Show and is strictly educational in character. J. J. Hill and R. S. Lovett have again consented to act as vice-presidents and M. K. Parsons, of Salt Lake City, is president. The show next year will be broader in its scope than heretofore, so as to include the breeding classes of cattle, sheep and hogs.

COMMUNICATED.

There seems to be a general feeling among the farmers of Morrow county that the time has come when, if wheat raising is to continue to be the main industry, that a more scientific method must be adopted in order to make it a paying one. The feeling is becoming prevalent that it is not so much in the amount of precipitation that we receive, but how to conserve what moisture we do receive, and utilize it to the best advantage. But as the opinion among the farmers differ greatly as to what constitutes the best method adapted to our soil and climate, and realizing that each farmer is farming (or rather trying to farm) so much land that it is impossible for him to give it as much time and attention as he would like, it seems to me that it would be a wise idea that some means was figured out whereby some incentive outside of the ordinary, might be instituted that would be the means of putting to test those various ideas which are now lying dormant, and realizing that life is too short for one to be obliged to rely almost altogether on his own experience, some system should also be inaugurated whereby each may obtain the experience of all.

I offer here a suggestion which if heeded to, I believe will be the means of revolutionizing our mode of farming, putting new life and enthusiasm into the work, giving greater returns for our labor and greatly enhancing the value of real estate in Morrow county.

It is this: That 40 of the foremost farmers of the county subscribe \$25 each, making a purse of \$1000 to be divided into as many prizes as the majority of the subscribers see fit; to be given to those producing the largest yield of wheat on 40 acres of non-irrigated land. The land should lay in a square, and the crop is to mature in the year 1913. The land can be summerfallowed or not as one sees fit, a correct record is to be kept by each competitor as to depth and when the land is plowed, kind of plow used, whether any cultivating was done before or after the land was plowed; what kind of cultivator, and number of times used, giving dates when used, whether sown to

spring or fall wheat; name and number of lbs. of wheat sown per acre; how treated for smut; if wheat was cultivated at all how and when it was done; how harvested. In fact a complete record of every item of importance should be kept, which will be published in a pamphlet form and each competitor be given a copy to be used for future reference; which would probably contain as much information as one would gain by his own experience in 40 years.

Now don't get it into your head that if you failed to win a prize your \$25 would be a total loss. If you are susceptible to knowledge, which I am sure you are, and are willing to pattern after those who have beaten you at the game, you will consider that you never spent \$25 to better advantage, you would not take double the amount for the bulletin of information covering in detail the experience of 40 leading farmers of the county during the entire period of a summerfallowed crop.

If you made any effort at all to win a prize, the extra exertion would easily repay the \$25 subscribed. The amount may be paid by note, due Nov. 1st, 1913, without interest, after the crop is harvested.

After the required number of farmers have signified their intention of entering the contest, a meeting will be called and other items of importance arranged. While it is the intention to make this contest a county affair, it will be organized on the plan of "first come, first served."

Though should the sentiment of the meeting be to extend the time so as to allow others to come in, that can be done. As the precipitation throughout the county seems to vary according to elevation, this can all be adjusted at the meeting and allowance made as the members see fit.

I believe you will agree with me that such a contest would put such a stimulus and enthusiasm into the farming industry of the county that it would remind one of a mushroom springing up in the midst of a garbage heap.

This prize contest need not interfere with the prize contest of the Tri-County Development League. While the League will be a good thing, and the work on the part of those participating in it will be appreciated, the prizes are not sufficiently large to create the interest and to draw out the best thought and energy in a man, as will the contest offered above, where the prizes will be larger and each contestant has contributed toward the prizes out of his own pocket book.

I have talked with many of the business men and who realizing that their success depends on the success of the farmer, are willing and anxious to help the movement along and offer to contribute liberally toward swelling the value of the prizes. I don't wish to bar any business man or woman in the county from helping boost the contest, neither must he feel that he is called upon to help, and if he refuses he will cause any hard feelings. Any article in your line of business, from a clod masher or a suit of clothes, to a good chicken dinner at the hotel or restaurant, and a clean shave and shampoo at the barber shop will be gladly accepted.

Now you live farmers who believe that such a contest would help to lift the farmers of the county out of the old rut which they have been in the habit of following, putting new life into him and break the monotony attached to our present mode of farming. Let it be known that you intend entering the contest. You will have to act quickly if you get your name on the roll of honor.

A. S. AKERS.

A Wig and a Tragedy.

It is just as well that our enthusiasm for oriental curiosities should be tempered by discretion. Eastern antiquities may be picturesque and with all the charm of mystery, but at the same time they may have a history that, if known, would consign them to the stove without benefit of clergy. Here is a story bearing upon the point and with its obvious moral. A young and extremely pretty girl went to a fancy dress ball in Chinese costume. The triumph of her makeup was a real oriental wig, and she wore it proudly. Some time after a strange man appeared on her forehead, and this was treated as a trifling skin affection. But it refused to disappear; in fact, it grew larger, and then the specialist was consulted. It was leprosy.—Argonaut.

Color of Lightning.

The color of lightning is almost entirely due to the nature of the substance in its track that is made incandescent. The blue, red, purple or silver tints, which are ordinarily much more brilliantly marked in tropical countries than they ever are in this latitude, are due to the same circumstance as that which produces the color designedly communicated to the light of different kinds of fireworks. Each different foreign ingredient that floats in the air has its own proper hue, which it can communicate to the lightning. The vapor of iron has one kind of shine and the vapor of sulphur another.—Harper's Weekly.

TO ENCOURAGE AGRICULTURE.

List of Prizes Offered by Tri-County League.

For the purpose of encouraging a more diversified husbandry in the counties of Gilliam, Morrow and Sherman, the business men of Portland, in connection with the Oregon Agriculture College and the Oregon State Conservation Commission, have organized what is known as the Tri-County Development League and have subscribed a fund for the support of a traveling agriculture advisor, and for the payment of the following premiums:

CLASS A.

For the best two acres of field peas grown on typical wheat land and not on sub-irrigated bottom land. Precipitation of locality in which they are grown to be considered in awarding the prizes.

First prize.....	\$40.00
Second ".....	30.00
Third ".....	20.00

CLASS B.

Best one-tenth acre of corn grown on typical wheat land by a boy under 18 years of age. Weight of forage and corn when dry and quality to be considered.

First prize.....	\$15.00
Second ".....	12.50
Third ".....	10.00

CLASS C.

Best one-tenth acre of Milo maize or Kaffir corn grown on typical wheat land by a boy under 18 years of age.

First prize.....	\$15.00
Second ".....	12.50
Third ".....	10.00

CLASS D.

Best one acre of alfalfa grown on typical wheat land.

First prize.....	\$20.00
Second ".....	15.00
Third ".....	10.00

CLASS E.

Best five hogs fattened upon pens by the system known as "hogging off."

First prize.....	\$40.00
Second ".....	30.00
Third ".....	20.00

CLASS F.

For the best kept flock of not less than fifty hens for nine months. Record keeping and economy of production considered.

First prize.....	\$40.00
Second ".....	30.00
Third ".....	20.00

The above-mentioned prizes will be duplicated in each of the three counties mentioned.

In addition to these premiums the following prizes have been offered by implement dealers of Portland, Oregon, for the best five acres of either spring or fall-sown wheat, to be grown upon typical wheatland, precipitation of locality in which the wheat is grown to be considered in awarding the prizes:

CLASS G.—Gilliam County.

Double Cut Disc Harrow, donated by the Oregon Moline Plow Co., Portland, Oregon.

1st Prize—No. 1 New Superior Fanning Mill and Bagger, donated by the Foott-Titus Machinery Co., Portland, Oregon.

2nd Prize—Deep Well Pump, donated by the Peterson Machinery Co., Portland, Oregon.

3rd Prize—\$25 in cash by Beall & Co., Portland, Oregon.

Empire Junior (16) Single Disc Drill, donated by Mitchell, Lewis & Staver, Portland, Oregon.

In Classes A, B, and C competitors must give cultural methods employed; dates of seeding, cultivating, harvesting; yields, and cost of production.

In Class D competitors must give methods and cost of preparing the land, date of seeding, and amount of seed sown.

In Class E competitors must give acreage of pens required to fatten the hogs, methods of preparing the ground for the pens, amount of seed sown per acre, date of sowing, and total cost of producing the crop. If supplemental feed be fed, the character of feed and amounts must

be given.

In Class F competitors must give the system and cost of housing, cost of feed, class of feed consumed, methods of feeding, and breed of hens kept. The system of daily recordkeeping and general management of the flock will be considered in awarding the prizes. The contest for this class to begin January 1, 1912, and end September 30, 1912.

In class G it is expected that competitors will give cultural methods and furnish a detailed record as to cost of preparing the ground, yield, variety of wheat grown, date of seeding, and amount of seed sown per acre.

All those who desire to compete for these prizes should notify the Traveling Agricultural Advisor, Mr. Orren Beatty, Moro, Oregon, not later than March 1, 1912.

Castle Rock Items.

D. E. Crutcher took the train Monday from Coyote for Heppner.

Robert Crooks is home again from Umatilla, where he was employed in the railroad yards.

We are informed that 2000 head of sheep are to be crossed from here into Washington next Saturday.

Mr. Marona was over Sunday. He informs us he has been quite busy painting the school building at Whitcome.

Messrs. Hall, Davis and Crooks went over and inspected the new herd of prize Holsteins at Mr. Carleys on Wednesday.

A car of telephone polls and arms was put in at the switch Sunday evening and was unloaded Monday without any mishap.

Mr. Fellows, the engineer at Whitcome spent a few days at Riverside Farm waiting for orders to return an engine belonging to Whitcome investors.

Mr. Nall, of Irrigon, came down Wednesday, returning Thursday. He reports things there, financially, at a standstill, but the people not lacking in entertainments and sociability.

Co. Supt. Notson came in on the local Wednesday afternoon and spent some time among the officers of the school board. Come again, we are always glad to see you.

Things at Desolation Flat have taken on a different appearance. The house is newly painted, hot and cold water and bath tub installed, which makes it convenient as well as pleasing to the eye. The name will need to be changed soon.

Sand Hollow Items.

T. M. Scott and R. B. Rice have each lost another horse.

Mrs. L. W. Hill has rented her place to Geo. Moore of Heppner.

No school this week as the teacher is attending the county institute at Heppner.

Several of Mr. Copie's mules got away and started back to Pendleton. He found them at Butter creek.

Six neighbors "just happened" to visit Mr. and Mrs. Clark last Sunday and a very pleasant day was spent.

Several of the neighbors surprised Mr. and Mrs. Tyler one evening before they left for their new home.

W. L. Copenhaver took several head of horses to town the day the "horse buyer" was there but failed to sell.

The "pie supper" was well attended and a success. Made about \$40, which will be spent for books, globe, and other necessary articles. Miss Nineta Smith of Butter creek won the cake given to the prettiest young lady.

The ladies of the First Christian Church of Ione will serve a chicken dinner on Thanksgiving day at the Odd Fellows Hall.

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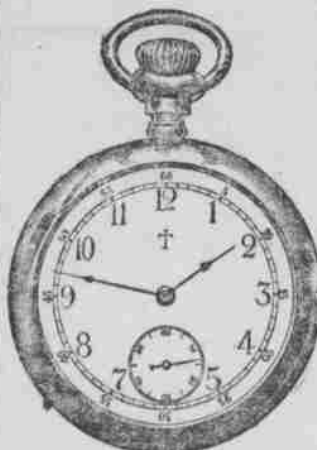
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