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## EDITORIAL NOTES

A resolution standing by the legislative appropriations for the state educational institutions was adopted during the past week by the promotion committee of the Portland Commercial Club. The resolution demanded adequate facilities for the education of the young and expresses the belief that the sums set aside by the Legislature are not at all excessive.

Latest estimates of the number of new settlers who will come to Oregon during the present period of low colonist fares place the figure at 35,000. The movement is said by the railroads to be the heaviest since colonist periods were inaugurated and while not all who come will become permanent settlers, a great proportion will and eventually many who go back will return and make their homes here.

Fasting for notoriety or for the improvement of one's health has gotten to be a fad nowadays. And yet it is asserted that those who try the system have little to complain of. After the first four or five days the pains of hunger are overcome and the person lives in comparative comfort. Now comes a Minnesota girl who is just completing a thirty-six day fast, losing thirty pounds in weight. The system might be all right for those who are burdened by an excess of flesh, but how about the man who is already a walking advertisement for the "after taking" compound. It is a fact, though, that the average person eats more than is necessary. All these facts taken together go to prove that eating, like a good many other things we do, is largely a matter of habit.

Gresham needs a city hall. Many a town of less size has a convenient and appropriate building for this purpose. The town is amply able to have such a building and scarcely feel the cost. Let it be a good one. Several of the city institutions could be housed in it to great advantage. Besides a council room, there might be others for the fire department, the commercial club, jail, and, why not the library? The library is as truly a public institution as any other the town has. It could well afford to provide a convenient library room for the use of the citizens of the town. Then let the upper floor be given over to an auditorium, a place where the people might meet on special occasions, Decoration day, Thanksgiving, or in celebration of any notable event, as when Roosevelt comes to town, or some other person not quite so notable. Then the auditorium might be a source of income to the town. Rented to shows and entertainments, it would far more than pay for the keeping and investment, besides being a sort of intellectual centre for the community.

The impropriety of the midnight dance has again been illustrated, this time at Lents. It is doubtful if a good many other places would not reason to chronicle practically the same experience. Portland was demoralized for a good many months by the Casino, the Council Crest dances and a number of other places of lesser note. In general the all night dance ends badly. The majority of people are ready to go home at midnight. To the lesser portion, enough fails to satisfy. Something additional is wanting and they find it in carrying their pleasures to a stupid, or a passionate, ending. The men find refreshment in tonic; the ladies in a breath of outside air. Which were worse would be hard to tell. Half intoxicated men walking with girls of uncertain age is the limit of danger with the minimum of safety. How any thoughtful mother can allow her daughter, especially if she be of immature years, to take chances in such a social whirl will remain unexplained to the end of time—but she will not wait so long for results. The influence will readily show itself in the social attitude of the girl who is allowed to cultivate such associations.

## FRUIT FOR WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Prof. C. E. Lewis of O. A. C. Tells Seven Tree and Seven Bush and Vine Fruits That Grow Best Here.

Corvallis, Ore., April 1.—The seven different tree fruits, and seven vine and bush fruits that will grow best in the Willamette valley were indicated by Prof. C. E. Lewis of the horticultural department of the Oregon Agricultural College in a recent address to the Portland Y. M. C. A. Apple Culture Club. It is a subject of special interest, since this is one of the hardest valleys in the state upon which to give advice, the area being so large and the variety of conditions so great. With apples especially, the industry is still in its infancy, and thus gives little background of experience for a basis of judgment.

The tree fruits he suggests as good ones for this district are apples, pears, peaches, cherries, plums and walnuts; and the vine and bush fruits, grapes, red and black raspberries, blackberries, gooseberries, strawberries and currants.

The best varieties of apples for the valley, he says, are Yellow Newtons, Jonathans, Grimes Golden, Rome Beauty, Gano, Rhode Island Greening, Gravenstein, Ortley, Wagener, Spitzenberg and Vanderpool Red.

Pear trees that will bear best here are the Bartlett, d'Anjou, Comice, Patrick Rorry, and Clarige. Others suggested as worthy of trial are the Glow Moneau, Barre Hardy, Rodo and Howell.

Nineteen different varieties of peaches may profitably be grown in the Willamette valley. Prof. Lewis named in their fruiting order, the following as good ones to plant in putting in a peach orchard, the Early Alexander, Amsden June, Waterloo, Triumph, Early Columbia, Hale's Early, Mamie Ross, Lovell, Champion, Early Crawford, Early Charlotte, Tuscan Cling, Golden Cling, Muir, Late Crawford, Elberta, Globe, Fitzgerald and Salway. The most promising of these are the Amsden June, Early Crawford, Early Charlotte, Mamie Ross, Muir, Elberta, Globe and Salway.

The Italian prune and the Franquette Mayette, and Maylan walnuts, and the

Satsuma and Peach plums were the varieties of these fruits which he named as best suited to this part of Oregon. The Maynard he added as a good home plum, though not so good as the others for shipping.

Three sweet, three sour and two local varieties of cherries were suggested, the Royal Anne, Ring and Lambert for sweet ones; Olivette, Montmorency and Richmond for sour; and May Duke and Late Duke for home consumption.

"I believe that apricots and almonds should be grown sparingly in this valley," said Prof. Lewis, "though it is thought by some that the Languedoc and Grosse Tendre will thrive here."

The five kinds of grapes best for the region are the Worden, Concord, Niagara, Delaware and Brighton. For black raspberries the Cumberland and Gregg, and for Red the Cuttbert, Marlboro, Superlative and Antwerp are best. The three best blackberry vines are Evergreen, Snyder and Mammoth. Four good gooseberry varieties are the Oregon, Downing, Industry and Smith. A similar number of currant varieties, the Perfection, Fay, Victoria and White Grape, are recommended. To the four best strawberry vines for the valley the Gold Dollars, Sixteen to One, Magoon and Clark's Seedling, Mr. Lewis added the Autumn Belle as a good producer.

## Want Column

WANTED—Several car loads of good cedar posts. Aaron Fox, Troutdale, Oregon.

WANTED—Boys may be had and sometimes girls. The older ones at ordinary wages and others to be schooled and cared for in return for slight services rendered. For particulars address W. T. Gardner, superintendent Boys and Girls Aid Society of Oregon, Portland, Ore. tf

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ZION'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH, Gresham—Rev. F. H. Freund, pastor. Services (German) 11 a. m., every Sunday morning. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Saturday school at 2 p. m.

LINNEMANN MEMORIAL M. E. CHURCH, Gresham—Pastor, Rev. J. F. Dunlop. Services, Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Epworth League devotional, 6:30, every Sunday. Prayer meeting, Thursday evenings at 7:30 p. m. Everybody invited.

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FAIRVIEW M. E. CHURCH—Rev. J. O. Coleman, pastor. Services, Sunday School at 10 a. m., preaching 2d and 4th Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

ROCKWOOD M. E. CHURCH—Rev. John, pastor. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m., Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

## THE GRANGE

Conducted by J. W. DARRROW, Chatham, N. Y. From Correspondent New York State Grange

## FARM INSURANCE.

What an Ohio Mutual Company Is Doing In This Line.

It Has 2,300 Members, Carries \$4,400,000 In Risks, and Its President Gets a Salary of \$50 a Year—Comparison of Costs With Old Line Companies.

The Huron County (O.) Farmers' Mutual Insurance company was organized thirty-one years ago. It has not always had smooth sailing, for its losses have been large some years, and yet only once in that time has its annual assessment exceeded the cost every year for protection in the old line companies. The relative cost can best be determined, says E. P. Snyder in the National Stockman, by a comparison covering a series of years.

During the time the Huron County (O.) Mutual has been doing business—thirty-one years—the average annual assessment has been \$2.96 per \$1,000. The present rate of old line companies for farm property is \$10 per \$1,000 for three years and \$2 survey fee—i. e., a policy of \$1,000 would cost \$12, just \$4 per \$1,000 per year. A policy of \$2,000 would cost \$22, or \$3.66 2/3 per \$1,000 per year. A policy of \$3,000 would cost \$32, or \$3.55 5/9 per \$1,000 per year, and so on. But, no matter how great the policy, the cost must exceed \$3.33 1/3 per \$1,000, because that is the cost exclusive of survey fee.

But the rules of these companies are not as inflexible as the laws of the Medes and Persians. One of my friends had real estate in three different places, and at every renewal the agent made him out three separate policies and charged him three survey fees—\$6. This grew monotonous for the farmer after a term of years, and he suggested that the whole business be put in one policy. "Oh, yes," the agent said, "we can do that." At the next renewal the farmer remarked that rather than pay any more survey fees he would quit the company and go into a mutual, and the agent obligingly cut out the survey fee entirely.

The Huron County Mutual charges a \$2 membership fee and 10 cents per \$100 for the amount insured. Insurance is perpetual. As long as a member keeps up his assessments he is protected. Buildings are insured for three-fourths of their value and personal property at its full value. The company insures against both fire and lightning, but not against wind. The amounts paid for live stock are limited to \$200 for a horse, \$75 for cattle, \$20 for hogs and \$7 for sheep. Losses must be paid within sixty days of the time of filing the proof of loss. They are adjusted by a committee of three members of the company appointed by the president.

The officers are president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and three directors. The president's salary is \$50 per year, secretary's \$400, treasurer's \$20 and the vice president's and three directors \$2 per day for the time actually employed, usually amounting to \$16 to \$20 per year. The company now has \$4,400,000 at risk and 2,300 members. An agent is maintained in each township, who is paid \$1.50 for each application written and 50 cents and mileage for additional.

There are 126 successful farmers' mutual fire insurance companies now in Ohio and about 240 in Illinois, it is said.

Good Roads in Maine.

The special committee of the Maine state grange appointed to consider changes in highway laws announced as its belief at a recent meeting that the most feasible scheme of maintaining the state road will be by having the work done under the supervision of the state highway department through its state road inspectors and that funds for the maintenance of these roads should come from an annual license fee for privilege of operating automobiles, said fees to be graded on the basis of horsepower.

Founder of the Grange.

A personal letter to the editor of this department from O. H. Kelley, founder of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, conveys the intelligence that his health is fairly good, although he is well advanced in years. He is always glad to hear from his grange friends, and it would be a pleasing courtesy for them to write him telling of the work the grange is doing in their community. His address is 2014 Kalorama road, Washington, D. C.

Farmers and Autos.

Mr. J. George Frederick, editor of Printers' Ink, says: "Out of 10,000 autos in Iowa, about 500 are owned by farmers. Kansas farmers spent \$3,200,000 for automobiles during 1909 and \$2,750,000 in 1908. In one Nebraska town of 800 population forty autos were sold last year to farmers and retired farmers in the town. A careful estimate of the number of automobiles owned by farmers in the United States is 76,000."

R. W. Dunlap, a prominent granger of Ohio, has been renominated for dairy and food commissioner of the state.

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