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COLLEGE ASKS FOR APPROPRIATIONS

Oregon Agricultural College Asks for Less Money In Proportion to Growth Than Two Years Ago.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon, Dec. 7.—Far less money is asked of the legislature by the Oregon Agricultural College this year, in proportion to the growth of the institution, than was appropriated in 1911. The regents have cut all estimates down to the extreme minimum, and will call for \$64,500 less for increased maintenance, buildings, repairs, etc., than the legislature of two years ago granted.

When the college budget is presented, the state will be asked for \$249,000 for buildings, equipment, repairs, improvements, books and periodicals and for an increase of \$50,000 a year for maintenance during the next two years. Of these amounts, \$107,000 is for additional buildings; \$96,000 for equipment; \$35,000 for repairs and improvements; \$11,000 for remodeling science hall; \$21,000 for extension of the heating plant; and \$21,000 for books and periodicals.

But one large building is requested, that for the home economics work, now divided between the crowded girls' dormitory and the agronomy building. For this, a \$100,000 appropriation is asked. When this is built and proper heat is given the stock judging pavilion and farm mechanics building, it will be necessary to put \$21,000 into extension of the heating plant, installing an additional boiler, and enlarging and lengthening the conduits. The rebuilding of the livestock building will take \$5,000, and \$2,000 is needed for a small storage structure for inflammable materials and supplies.

Science hall was built for agricultural instruction, but is now used for the chemistry and pharmacy work. The imperative need of more laboratory space and the present unfitness of the rooms available make remodeling, which will cost \$11,000, absolutely necessary at once. The college is in great need of a library building, and the best care of the health of the students would demand a gymnasium, but in view of appropriations of more urgent necessity, the regents have decided not to ask for them this year. They wish to relieve the pressure on the state treasury, and are doing all they can, though the rapid growth of all departments warrants a much increased appropriation for the work of the next two years.

"Amounts estimated necessary for support of the work of the various departments are greatly in excess of the total appropriation requested of the legislature, but careful investigation shows that the needs of the different departments are so great that the estimates are very conservative," said President Kerr this morning. "However, the needs of the college are increasing so rapidly that it is impossible to meet them. Notwithstanding this the regents, when making up the budget, reduced the amounts asked by each department to the extreme minimum with which the institution could do work at all reasonably efficient."

The report of the registrar shows enormous increase in both the regular and special courses, but the instructional force has not kept pace with this growth in attendance. Registration in agronomy, for instance, is 69 per cent greater than two years ago, but the instructional force but 38 per cent more, and in the division of horticulture the work has nearly doubled, with only 18 per cent increase in instructional force. These cases are typical of practically all departments, and indicate the necessity for increase in maintenance appropriations.

The rapid growth of the home economics classes and the pressure of other departments needing the classrooms in the agronomy building and the space in the girls' dormitory (there were 150 girls who could not be accommodated there this fall), force the regents to ask for a home economics building.

No library building is asked at this time, although the 22,000 volumes and 35,000 pamphlets are now handled in five classrooms in the oldest building on the campus, and are causing the floors to settle under the weight of the books. Since 1908 the number of books in the library has increased three times, and the student body has doubled, but the shelf room is but one-third larger, and

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LOCAL NOTES FROM GRESHAM

Brief Notes Of And About People In the Growing Town of East Multnomah County.

BORN—To Mr and Mrs. Ernest Schwedler, a daughter, Dec. 7. Ed. Godfrey, of Portland, visited at the home of P. Michel last Sunday. Mrs. R. W. Kern and little son, Leroy, spent Monday in Portland.

Lloyd Gedanke, of Portland, visited Harold Kern last week. The tea which the Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church held at the parsonage Tuesday, was well attended.

The girls of the Chemistry class of the Gresham High School gave a "spread" Tuesday in honor of Mrs. C. B. Woodard's birthday. Mrs. Woodard is the Chemistry teacher.

School was closed Wednesday for the remainder of the week on account of teachers' institute being held in Portland.

Queen Esther Missionary Circle will give a tea and bake sale next Saturday afternoon in the Regner building next to Lindsey's store.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fleet Fox last Friday.

Ed. Risher has accepted a position in Westell's store.

Miss Mina Gilbert visited relatives in Portland the first of the week.

Mrs. Jas. Sterling spent Monday in the city.

B. F. Bauer and family, of Montfort, Wis., has located in Gresham and has purchased S. C. Knighton's barber shop. Miss Minnie Shriner visited friends at Corbett last week.

Miss Marion Robertson, of Senic, spent a couple of days last week visiting Gresham friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Oliphant entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Risher and family at dinner last Sunday.

Miss Pearl Flemming is spending her vacation at her home in Portland.

Misses Mabel and Laura Shipley left Wednesday morning for their home at Corbett where they will spend this week's vacation.

H. A. Samuel returned Saturday from Morgan, Oregon where he went to finish up his business and to slip his automobile to Washougal where he will engage in the furniture business. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel have been visiting at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Shoemaker, for a few weeks.

John Palmquist is doing jury duty at present.

Miss Elizabeth Halliday was a Portland visitor the first of the week.

C. W. Albertson has sold his farm and will move to Idaho.

PARENT-TEACHERS' CLUB TO GIVE PROGRAM

The Lents Parents-Teacher's Club will meet December 20th in the auditorium of the Lents school. The president, Mrs. Body, has prepared the following program which will begin promptly at 3 o'clock:

Alfred Nygaard—piano solo.

Mrs. Hayhurst—Widows' Pension Bill.

Mrs. Additon—Oregon Laws for Women.

Misses Turner and Gething—Violin solo.

Miss Eade—Talk On Playgrounds.

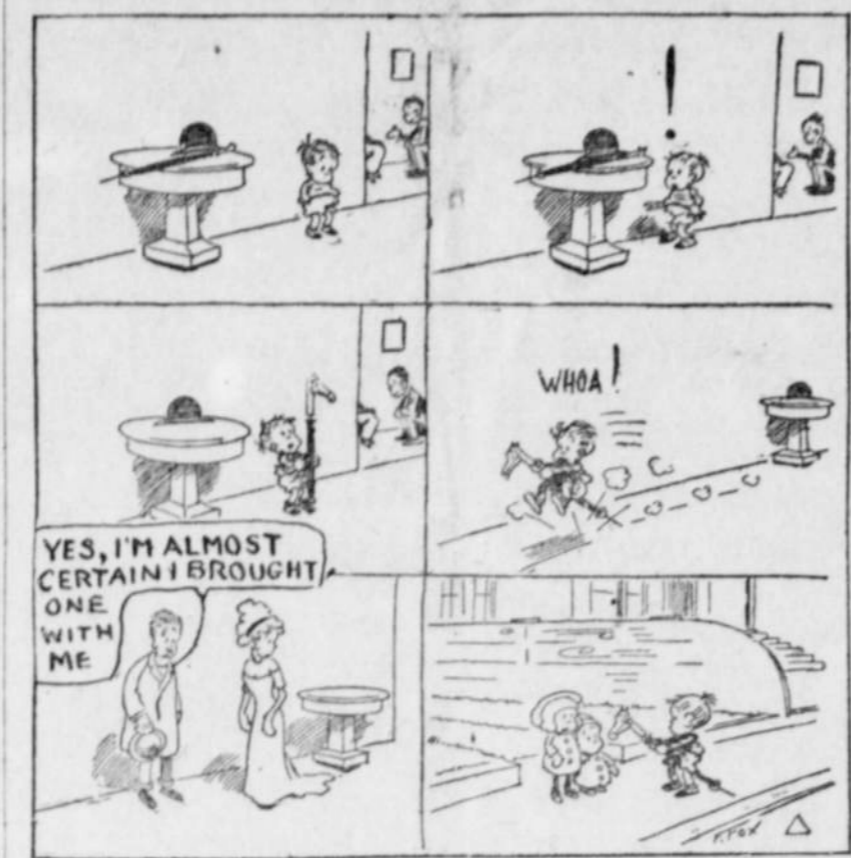
RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE BRIGHT REALTY COMPANY

People of this vicinity will be interested to hear of the re-organization of the Bright Realty Company of Lents and Portland. Mr. Harvey who up to this time has had an important part in the management, has sold his interests to Mrs. J. H. Stacy and Mr. C. C. Duncan. The new firm will continue to maintain an office in Lents and at 202 Hamilton Building in Portland.

"THE RANCHMAN."

The latest presentation of the Lents Dramatic Club will be "The Ranchman," a drama that will require over two hours in presentation. The Club is now busy in its preparation. It is expected that it will be ready before the holidays, though there is some talk of holding it over till afterward. The usual run of characters will be presented and the setting will be equally effective.

THE REMARKABLE DISCOVERIES OF THOMAS EDISON, JR.



—Fox in St. Louis Republic.

COPELAND LUMBER CO. MOVES OFFICE

The Copeland Lumber Company is busy this week relocating its offices a block nearer Main St. The old location held by the E. W. Miller Co., and later occupied by the Willberg Company had to be vacated and a place was taken further up town. The aim is to move some of the buildings and construct new ones in front, and build a new office. The new firm came into Lents with a lot of faith in the town and there are many reasons why men of their experience should not succeed. They will be found ready to meet their customers within a few days in the new location.

EVENING STAR ELECTS OFFICERS.

Saturday, December 7 was election day at Evening Star Grange, and there was a large attendance.

The election for the coming year resulted as follows:

Master, J. J. Johnson; Overseer, E. J. Spooner; Lecturer, Mrs. Marion Nelson; Steward, W. W. Green; Assistant Steward, J. E. Nelson; Lady Assistant, Mrs. Ivy Hickey; Chaplain, Mrs. E. A. Kelly; Treasurer, Mrs. Emma Spooner; Secretary, Mrs. Jennie C. Smith; Gate Keeper, Andrew Holm; Ceres, Mrs. E. A. Niblin; Pomona, Mrs. Lela Elliott; Flora, Miss Ossa Davis; Ex-committee, E. N. Emery and S. H. Covel; Pianist, Miss Minnie Aitman; Assistant Pianist, Miss Clara Smith.

The lecture hour program was as follows:

Recitation, Miss Marie Robinson.

State Lecturer H. A. Darnall talked on Road Construction, telling what was necessary to make and keep good roads, also about the roads in different parts of the country and state, and about the road laws, past, present and future.

J. D. Lee recited Old Dog Tray.

The topic, Labor Savers in Farm and Home was discussed by Bros. Nichols, Green, Kelly, Keenan, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Niblin, and Mrs. Gould.

Mrs. Nelson read a Christmas story for the children.

Miss Julia Spooner read a lengthy and most excellent paper on the subject, Better Crop of Boys and Girls and the Grange and the Rural Schools. It is a pity that more parents and children did not hear this paper and then profit by its advice.

Remarks along these same lines were made by Mrs. Somerfeldt and Mr. Lee.

There were many visitors present. Some of them making remarks were Mr. Black of Woodlawn, Mr. Krudder, of Lents, Mr. Cook, of McMinnville, Mr. Miles, of Oswego.

WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT TO HOLD ENTERTAINMENT.

The Women of Woodcraft will have a party on Thursday, the 19th. The early part of the evening will be given to a whist party, and the dance will begin at 9 o'clock sharp. Galichio's orchestra will furnish the music and an unusually fine time is expected.

NEW MANUFACTURING ENTERPRISE FOR LENTS

Although the Potato Crisp Company, managed by Mr. and Mrs. Maffet, of Lents, has been in operation for several weeks in Lents, it is not generally known that we have right here in our midst one of the most useful new businesses that ever came to town. Potato Crisps is the product and when you have tried a box of these new dainties you will pass judgment that the proprietors discovered one of the finest things ever placed on the market.

Potato Crisps are something like Saratoga chips, only better. They are put up in ten cent packages and are being placed on sale at all the groceries and on all trains. If the business continues to grow as it has the appearance of doing, we anticipate the rapid development of the plant necessary to handle the output. The original exploiter of Saratoga chips made a fortune in a few years and Potato Crisps have an equally good opportunity for public favor.

LENTS GRANGE TO ELECT OFFICERS

The Lents Grange meets Saturday at 10:30 o'clock in an all day session. It will be a busy day for the Lents grange as it is the day for election of officers and the day for conferring the third and fourth degrees. State Master, C. E. Spence of Oregon City, will be present for the first time during his term of office. The following program has been arranged for the afternoon session to which the public is invited:

Song.....By the Grange

Instrumental Music.....Alfred Nygaard

"A Better Crop of Boys and Girls".....Mrs. Flora Lyons

A Japanese Song.....Six little girls

Instrumental Music.....Geo. Jones

Song "Stars of Summer Night".....Girl Chorus

State Master Spence will speak upon Road Legislation compared with County or State.

The Lents Grange ranking 5th in the Lecture contest will be awarded a prize to the value of \$5.00.

COUNTY GRANGE TO MEET AT GRESHAM

Multnomah County Pomona Grange will meet at Gresham on the 18th of December. There will be a number of important matters to be taken up—Forth coming road legislation will be given consideration, the biennial election of officers will be held. There will probably be several changes in the officers. Mr. R. W. Gill asserts that he will not be a candidate for Master, so some other person will surely be selected for that position. Mr. Black, of Woodlawn grange has been favorably mentioned for the place. Black is a good man and he has time to devote to the position.

Mr. E. C. Joss, of Ivanhoe, was a Lents visitor Sunday.

OREGON RESOURCES FILL NEW ALMANAC

Government Will Aid State in Survey of Deschutes Valley — Lecture Course for Oregon Schools.

Secretary Fisher of the Interior Department has taken up the proposition made to him to work with this state in making a complete survey of the Deschutes Valley to determine both its irrigation and water power possibilities. He states the Government will do its share of this work.

The importance of the undertaking may be understood from a statement made by a local official of the Reclamation Service, who said: "There are 500,000 acres of public lands in the Deschutes Valley that could be irrigated and more than 1,000,000 horsepower running to waste down the river."

A school lecture course has been started by Superintendent Alderman that is designed to reach every school in Oregon. More than 100 speakers have already been enlisted. These men are prominent in various lines and it is thought the plan will arouse greater interest in the schools on the part of parents and will help along the movement to make schoolhouses social centers.

Harriman railroad directors have authorized the expenditure of \$3,000,000 for improvements to the O-W. R. & N. line between Portland and Spokane. These betterments will be made during the coming year.

This is a time of Poultry shows. Albany and Astoria have just held very successful exhibits of aristocratic feathered fowl and Portland is next. Oregon people, believing that chicken raising is a means of grace, held their first show last Friday in the basement of a church.

Oregon's apple crop this year is worth \$7,000,000, according to the estimate of W. K. Newell, chairman of the State Board of Horticulture. He says the production of apples has about doubled in this state in two years.

Louis Sievers, who has an onion farm in the Rogue River Valley, grew onions this year ranging from one to three pounds each in weight. He had less than one acre in onions this year but produced almost 90,000 pounds, selling the crop at 2 cents per pound. This makes the income from this small tract at least \$1,600.

The Oregon Almanac, the booklet being published by the State Immigration Commission, will be out this week and will be distributed widely. It contains accurate statistics and reading matter about Oregon's resources and products. Indeed, never before has there been such an exhaustive report on what this state has to offer to the settler. An edition of 200,000 will be printed.

MUSICAL TREAT FOR LENTS PEOPLE

The choir of the Evangelical church are preparing another musical treat. This year they are to render Carrie B. Adam's cantata "The Angelic Choir." There are 35 voices in the chorus and they are working faithfully. It is the general opinion that this year's music will surpass even the big success of a year ago. It is to be rendered Sunday evening Dec. 22 at 8 p. m.

LENTS GRANGE WINS FIVE DOLLAR PRIZE

Lents Grange captured one of the ten prizes offered last year for the best literary work to be given during the year. The records show that Lents was fifth in the competition. This will entitle it to a five dollar prize, perhaps of books or of grange apparatus of some sort. The members of the grange have many reasons to congratulate themselves on the standing they attained in the contest. There are over 190 granges in Oregon and to rank fifth is quite a creditable showing.

PROF. LOWE WRITES INTERESTING LETTER

Finds Southern Europe Extremely Beautiful. Finds it Very Difficult in Order in Meals.

LUDAGO, SWITZERLAND, NOVEMBER 10, 1912.—I left Lucerne Friday for Bellinzona. It is not on a lake for a wonder, but is celebrated for its old castles perched high up on pinnacles, the views from which are worth going a long way to see. The trip was intensely interesting every moment of the way. As usual, I had a whole section to myself (one advantage of traveling at this season of the year) and you may be sure there wasn't much passing on either side of the train that I didn't see. First a beautiful lake down hundreds of feet on one side, and then a snow capped mountain hundreds of miles (?) high on the other; next a series of tunnels that twisted around like a corkscrew and finally brought you out at almost the identical spot you started in at, only a few hundred feet higher. I never supposed there were so many tunnels in the world before. I don't see where in the name of Providence they ever got the material to make them of. If they keep on at the pace they're going now, the world will be nothing but one vast hole before long. Well, presently, we came to the father of all of them, St. Gothard, 9 1/4 miles long. The old engine kind of snorted and shrieked a little, but a few vigorous prods from the fireman caused her to plunge boldly in. We made the run in just 15 minutes. Wasn't that some speed though a tunnel though? It takes 25 minutes going the other way (up grade.) Well, after passing the main tunnel there was the same twisting and curving through shorter ones to get down to the valley again. Now, this may seem like a little exaggeration, but if any one can exaggerate the truth concerning those tunnels he's a dandy.

Came down here from Bellinzona this evening and what little I've seen of the place is surely wonderfully beautiful. Shall tell you more about it tomorrow evening. I have another neat room for 2 f. The same would cost at least \$1.75 in Portland and I am stopping at one of the largest hotels in the city at that. The weather is getting warmer now, although my overcoat felt very comfortable this evening. Everything is Italian here, (being so near the border) and I'm just getting my first introduction to the language. It was ludicrous in the extreme to see me ordering some lunch this evening. I wanted some bread, butter and tea, but the girl in attendance didn't know any more about English than a hog knows about Sunday, so after various futile attempts to make myself understood, I walked over to a shelf and put my finger on a loaf of bread. That was the entering wedge, I reasoned, and supposed there would be no further hitch in the negotiations. She understood, but there being no butter in sight to point to, it seemed as if my diplomacy would come to naught and that I would either have to eat dry bread or go hungry. But in my moment of desperation a happy thought struck me and I pointed to the bread again imitating as I did so the act of spreading butter by drawing one palm over the other. Again, the enlightened look on her face led me to hope that she understood and I drew a sigh of relief, supposing the remainder of the task would be easy, so I said "tea" and imitated the motion of drinking. Sure, she understood that and ran into an adjoining room and brought me out a bottle of wine, but I shook my head and motioned it away, so she ran back and brought me out another of a different color, but didn't suit me either, and after she had displayed at least a half dozen brands, all to no purpose and we were both getting pretty desperate, she rushed into the kitchen and presently out waddled an elderly woman whose avoirdupois would easily register 300 net, and then commenced another pantomime in which I called into requisition all the dishes on the table at the imminent risk of breaking half of them, and after an exhibition of juggling that would have caused a professional to turn green with envy, I finally succeeded in convincing her that there were other things in the world to drink besides wine. As soon as this fact found a lodgment in her benighted mind, a great light dawned upon her, as it were, and presently she made a bolt for the kitchen, nearly taking the doorjamb

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