

## PROFITABLE TO FARMERS

### Institutes Held Under the Auspices of O. A. C.

One Held Here Last Wednesday Was Well Attended at all Three Sessions and Much Interest Manifested—Interesting Addresses.

The Farmers Institute was well attended and proved so satisfactory that both resident attendants and visitors became enthusiastic over the success of the meeting.

The committee from the Commercial Club that had the arrangements in charge had left nothing undone. The entire program went on without a hitch. The dairy cow, the draft horse, poultry and fruit were the subjects handled by those who had prepared addresses, and the lessons taught gave new thought to the farmer who had not studied these subjects and the whole affair will tend to make better farmers. More careful breeding of stock and systematic cultivation of the soil will produce more profitable products as well as raise the value of the land.

These institutes are awakening an interest which will make of the Willamette valley a garden spot of fruit and flowers and the home of fine stock owned by prosperous men. The following is the program as rendered:

- MORNING SESSION 10:30 a. m.  
Call to order—President Fingal Hinds  
Address of welcome—F. B. Phillips  
Response—Dr. James Withycombe  
The Dairy Herd—Wm. Schuberch  
Discussion
- AFTERNOON SESSION 1:30 p. m.  
Band  
Solo—J. M. Isham  
Fruit growing—Prof. C. E. Lewis  
Discussion  
Fruit Culture at Cottage Grove  
Discussion—S. W. Boyd  
Song—Blair Sisters  
Organization—C. G. Griest  
Discussion
- EVENING SESSION 7:30 p. m.  
Band  
Solo—Dr. Van Winkle  
The Draft Horse—Hon. E. T. Judd  
Discussion  
Poultry—F. H. Rosenberg  
Discussion  
Ladies quartette  
Steropticon illustrated lecture  
—Dr. James Withycombe

### WOODMEN OFFICERS.

The Woodmen of the World held their regular meeting last evening and the following officers were elected for the coming term:

Consul Commander, A. Brewer; Adviser Lieutenant, Dr. J. O. Van Winkle; Clerk, C. H. VanDenberg; Banker, D. B. Chamberlain; Escort, John Veatch; Watchman, J. Huff; Sentry, L. Taylor; Trustee, B. McKibben; Physician, Dr. Van Winkle.

The social session held after business was over was enjoyed, especially the refreshments which consisted of wedding cake and the Woodman's only beverage, pure water. It's no use to ask any of them where they got the wedding cake or who was married, 'cause they won't tell.

The regular monthly meeting of the Calapooia Poultry Association will be held Tuesday evening, December 10, at the office of the president, F. H. Rosenberg. Superintendent H. C. Schellhaus will be present and tell some interesting things about chickens.

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## TELEPHONE LECTURE

W. K. Merrill Tells of Wonderful Progress Made in Development of Bell Phone.

W. K. Merrill, of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., gave an illustrated lecture at the Armory Saturday evening, on the development of the telephone since its invention by Alexander Graham Bell, thirty years ago. The lecturer said in part:

"It is a special pleasure to meet you this evening and talk with you about the telephone because Cottage Grove is one of the progressive telephone communities of Oregon. When I say progressive telephone communities I mean that here the telephone company has found in a large measure that encouragement which comes not alone with having a great number of subscribers, but with having subscribers who show by the use they make of this most familiar and perhaps least understood of our public utilities, that they see its possibilities and its value. The best asset of any public service corporation is intelligent patronage—not the patronage that means only dollars and cents, but patronage that means a general understanding of what the dollars and cents will buy.

"From the nature of the case the telephone user does not learn as much about the telephone system he employs as the traveler learns about the railways over which he makes his journey.

"The exchange is the nerve center of the telephone system. When people began to see the possibilities of Alexander Graham Bell's invention, it was simply as a means of communication between two points—a telephone here, a telephone there, and a wire connecting them. Of course it was not long before ingenious men turned their mind to devising a way of joining the wire that connected Mr. Smith's telephone with Mr. Black's to that connecting Mr. Brown's telephone with Mr. White's and in 1877 about a year after Dr. Bell had shown his 'interesting toy,' as it was then called, at the Centennial Exhibition, Thomas B. Doolittle constructed the first crude switchboard at Bridgeport, Connecticut. In this switchboard were brought together twenty lines. It would be just about big enough to accommodate the telephone patrons on a farmers' line as we understand this today.

But it contained the idea which, in the intervening years, has been developed into perhaps the most remarkable piece of mechanism any twentieth century industry employs.

As time went on and the number of people who used the telephone increased, it became necessary to find a means of connecting any line in an exchange with any of a very large number of other lines, and of doing it instantly. One operator could answer the calls and attend to the needs of only a few subscribers, but she must be able to put those few in communication with all the rest. So the multiple switchboard came into being—the switchboard of today, which in some of the big cities, contains as many as 10,000 lines and requires 200 operators.

It takes months of the time of hundreds of skilled mechanics to build a big, modern switchboard. Altogether there are several million parts in the apparatus. One of the 10,000-line boards contains 4,000 miles of wire—enough, if stretched in one line to reach from your beautiful city to New York City and still have some to spare. In it are more

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## COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETS

### And Elects Officers for the Coming Year

F. B. Phillips Chosen President and C. Paul Jones, Jr., Secretary—Club is in Prosperous Condition and Will Start Year Favorably.

The Commercial Club of this city held its regular meeting Monday evening and elected officers for the coming year as follows:

President, F. B. Phillips; First Vice president, Geo. Comer; Second Vice president, F. D. Wheeler; Secretary, C. Paul Jones; Treasurer, C. Ross King; Assistant secretary, Oliver Veatch; Trustees, B. Lurch, F. H. Rosenberg, H. O. Thompson, V. C. London, J. B. Protzman, C. C. Hazleton and Andrew Brund.

The new officers are all substantial business men of the city and the club is certainly in good hand for the next year. It has done much for the advancement and betterment of Cottage Grove and all Western Oregon during the years past and is known all over the state as one of the best organized commercial bodies in the northwest.

At the meeting Monday night, the club, instructed the secretary to draft resolutions asking our senators and representatives in congress to use their influence towards the passage of an act exempting mine owners from doing assessment work this year on account of the scarcity of money at the present time. The secretary was also instructed to write Senator Fulton asking him to join with our representatives in their efforts to secure the passage of Senator LaFollette's amendment to the Hepburn bill, in which the Interstate Commerce Committee shall pass on all railroad freight rates before they are put into effect. The passage of this amendment, which will be introduced at the present session of congress is of great importance to the people of the whole state and all pressure should be brought to bear upon Senator Fulton to cause him to work with his colleagues in the matter.

### A Real Wonderland.

South Dakota, with its rich silver mines, banana farms, wide ranges and strange natural formations, is a veritable wonderland. At Mound City, in the home of Mrs. E. D. Clapp, a wonderful case of healing has lately occurred. Her son seemed near death with lung and throat trouble. "Exhausting coughing spells occurred every five minutes," writes Mrs. Clapp "when I began giving Dr. King's New Discovery, the great medicine, that saved his life and completely cured him." Guaranteed for coughs and colds, throat and lung troubles, by Benson's Pharmacy. 50 cents and \$1. Trial bottle free.

Jim Woods came from the Vesuvius mine Thursday, where he has been working several months, and left on Saturday for the south. Mr Woods regretted leaving Bohemia as he had hoped it would not be necessary for him to go south for some time yet. He said that the cross cut where he had been working at the Vesuvius gave every evidence of the approaching vein, also that the ore in the main tunnel was holding its own in splendid shape.

If you want to buy or sell any kind of property, either real or personal, list it with F. B. Phillips.

## POULTRY SHOW NEXT WEEK

### Three Days Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Large Exhibit Assured of Utility and Fancy Breeds—Judge Collier of Tacoma Will Score Birds—Baby Show Saturday Afternoon.

Indications now seem to forecast that the first annual poultry show to be held under the directions of the Calapooia Poultry Association of this city, in the armory hall, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, will be the greatest of the kind ever held in the Willamette Valley south of Salem. This is due, in part, to that fact that Cottage Grove is centrally located in a great poultry raising territory, the poultry plants of the Umpqua and Rogue river valley being to the south of us while some of the largest and best known fanciers of the Willamette valley are located to the north, so that the fanciers of these two sections of Oregon can conveniently come together and compare their respective breeds at Cottage Grove, which together with the large number of exhibits promised from the various precincts adjacent to Cottage Grove insures an exhibit of turkeys, ducks, geese, chickens, pheasants, guinea fowls, and pet stock, rarely witnessed in Western Oregon outside of the state fair or Portland shows.

This show is open to everybody and the amateur as well as the expert breeder is to be awarded valuable prizes for their efforts in producing high class poultry.

There is no better schooling for the amateur poultry raiser than to enter a few of his best birds and carefully study the points given them or taken away from them by the poultry judge. They can thus gain more practical knowledge about poultry raising by becoming an exhibitor and going through one good show than they can by home experience and poultry journal reading in many years.

### JUDGE AND SUPERINTENDENT

The association has provided a large number of beautiful display coops which will be furnished to exhibitors free of charge providing they have none of their own and Mr. H. C. Schellhaus, an experienced poultryman of Portland who superintended the state fair poultry exhibit, has been engaged to superintend our show, which is a guarantee that the birds on exhibition will receive the best of care.

For Judge, the services of Mr. H. H. Collier of Tacoma, have been secured, this gentleman being one of the best and most impartial judges of the Pacific Northwest and licensed by the American Poultry Association in this work. This fact should be an inducement to every poultry breeder hereabouts to get his stock into this show, that he may improve his breed and have a higher standard to strive for. Let every poultry fancier who can conveniently, get into this show as the charge is very reasonable, 25 cents for each bird. An admission fee of only 10 cents will be charged visitors at the door.

### HOOR FOR BABY SHOW CHANGED.

It has been widely advertised that the poultry show would conclude Saturday evening with a baby show, several valuable prizes

## OFF FOR WASHINGTON

As Witnesses in the Freight Rate Case.

The witnesses who left for Portland yesterday morning, December 3, for Washington to appear before the Interstate Commerce commission in behalf of the lumbermen in relation to the proposed advanced rate on lumber and forest products from the Pacific coast points to all points east of Denver, are:

Phillip Buchner, President of the Oregon and Washington Lumber Manufacturers association.

A. C. Dixon, chairman of Transportation committee.

George M. Cornwall, in charge of the Publicity bureau.

Hon. R. A. Booth and the following members of the special advance rate committee:

F. C. Koapp of the Peninsula Lumber company, Portland.

T. K. Campbell, chairman of the Oregon State Railway commission.

E. D. Kingsley, manager Bridal Veil Lumber company.

F. C. Miles, of Spaulding Logging company.

J. H. Chambers of the Chambers Lumber company, Cottage Grove.

The attorney representing the Oregon lumbermen, Mr. J. N. Teal, is already in Washington, together with Mr. Anderson, rate clerk for the lumber manufacturers.

### Badly Mixed Up.

Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N. C., had a very remarkable experience he says: "Doctors got badly mixed up over me; one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison, and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me; so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed for blood poison, weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, by Benson's Pharmacy. 50 cents.

### COMPANY E'S GRAND BALL.

The Thanksgiving ball given at the Armory Thursday evening by Company E, O. N. G. was no surprise considering the manner the party given a short time ago was handled. The armory was filled with ladies and gentlemen, the afternoon and evening trains bringing a good number from Eugene and other places. Some of the Eugene men who brought their ladies were Corporal Branstetter, I. M. Foust, Corporal Riley, J. C. McElroy, D. J. Hudson, Austin Hampton, Ilo Smith, Hickey, Cotteral and others.

At 11 o'clock a supper was served by the wives and other fair ones, that are in close touch with the members of the Military Club.

The Eugene Lumber Company closed down Monday night, and it is somewhat indefinite when they will start to running again. Mr. Hopkins hopes to get started again next Monday if he can get the contract which they have to finish up. A number of shipping orders have been cancelled lately on account of the high freight rate east.

to be awarded the babes in the various classes, but from the fact that many mothers object to take the little ones out at night and in order to give the country babes an equal show, it has been decided to hold the baby show Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Dec. 14th, instead in the evening of this day. Now let the mothers bring out the prettiest babies, the fattest babies and the smartest babies and enter this contest.

## FOUR PEOPLE MURDERED

### Near Macleay, Marion County, Sunday Night

Mrs. Casteel, Her Son and Daughter and the Foreman of the Farm Killed by Tramps—New Arrivals in Marion County and Quite Wealthy.

Salem, Or., Dec. 2.—Four persons were murdered last night at the Hurst farm, near Macleay. Mrs. Casteel, her daughter, her son and the foreman of the farm, Mr. Montgomery, were killed by an unknown person or persons. After the murders were committed, the farm house was set on fire in the hope that evidence of the awful crime might be obliterated or that the deaths could have been construed to have been caused by being caught in the flames.

A bloodstained hatchet was found near the scene of the murders, also a loaded shotgun. Sheriff Colver and Deputy Sheriff Minto have gone to the scene of the murder. The Casteel family came here recently from Myrtle Creek and were said to have had considerable money.

Mrs. Casteel was a woman about 60 years of age. Her son was aged 19 and the daughter 24, and the foreman on the place, who came with them from Douglas county, was a man about 55 years old. Their nearest neighbor is a farmer named Wilson. They had been there such a short time and met so few people there is little known of them. The bodies are almost completely burned up. The residence was as fine a one as any in that part of the county.

One theory is that tramps who have been infesting the country attacked the farm, and when the boy and foreman resisted, shot them and then killed the women. Posses are out looking for clues. The entire country is aroused.

### HOW THE OTHER HALF GIVES.

"That sentiments of tender charity are innate among the poor can be seen from a case which presented itself among a group of little children at a school where we visited," writes Mrs. John Van Vorst in her Christmas article in the Woman's Home Companion. "They were of the most destitute, this little class, but as regular as soldiers in attendance. After an unusual absence of two days, one of the small pupils, Mary by name, was closely questioned by the teacher on her return. Very reluctantly she responded that they had been without food at home and that she was ashamed to come hungry to school. "No comment was made before the other children. Nothing further was said.

"The following morning a small procession filed before the teacher's desk, a procession of little people, tiny, poor, ignorant. Yet not one of them came empty handed. One brought an apple, one a piece of cheese, one a roll, one a slice of meat. And each, as she put her meager offering down, whispered to the teacher: 'It's for Mary.'"

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