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FAIR GROUNDS FOR GARDENS

Springfield, Ore., Jan. 13.—Agriculture is one of the branches required in the common schools of Oregon. Members of high school teacher training classes are required to give further study to the same subject. In spite of these state-wide requirements, no satisfactory answer has yet been found in the experiences of any Oregon school to the query. Can agriculture be taught with profit in the common school and the high school? Teachers and patrons alike ask the question and are eager for an affirmative demonstration. The day has passed when the farmer despises book-learning, yet he rightly holds in contempt the smattering of misinformation which too often is dealt out to his children under the name of agriculture in the country district schools, or the vague and impracticable theory which passes for scientific agriculture in the curricula of some high schools.

Two or three Oregon high schools have endeavored to introduce agriculture into the course, and it would be wrong to say that the effort has been a failure, yet no such school has as yet demonstrated its ability to be of practical service to the surrounding rural community in the education of practical farmers.

Boise, Idaho, boasts a model four-year course in high school agriculture. The installation of the department there has been on a large scale and is attracting much interest because of the practical way in which the authorities are going about the matter. The first step, after procuring a competent head of the department, in the person of Fred Griffin, was to move toward securing ground for experimental purposes. An attempt is being made to secure the use of the county fair grounds. All of the grounds, except that required for track and pens will be put into cultivation. The grounds will thus be beautified and the process will not in the least interfere with the regular function of the premises, but will rather furnish an object lesson in correct farming methods to the annual crowd of visitors at the fair.

If this policy were to be generally followed in Oregon, at least one high school in each county have a demonstration farm that would make the agriculture work something more than mere play. Instead of spading up a few square yards of ground, the pupils will work with real machinery on a scale commensurate with real farming. The school board of Boise, the newspaper of the town, the patrons of the school and the University of Idaho are uniting to make Mr. Griffin's work a success if possible, and it is probable that all Oregon high schools introducing agriculture in the next few years will be able to learn much from the experience of Boise.

The course, as outlined at present for the four years, is as follows:

First year—Fundamental agriculture.

Second year—Soils and soil fertility; crops and crop production.

Third year—Animal husbandry.

Fourth year—Horticulture.

In a letter to the writer, Mr. Griffin thus discusses his plans:

"I am planning next year to start my students with a detailed study of either corn or the potato. After they have a clear understanding of the gross structure and

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COTTAGE GROVE WINS OVER OAKLAND

A very good game of basket ball took place in Armory hall in this city Thursday evening when our local high school team met that of Oakland. While the score was one-sided, being 67 to 14, the game was interesting to those present.

The playing of the local boys was a surprise to all as they had just recently organized and had had but little practice, but when they came to get down to work they proved themselves more than matches for their competitors.

The line-up of the two teams was as follows:

Cottage Grove	Position	Oakland
Brumbaugh	center	Young
Hennenger	guard	Mathews
Martin	guard	Bovindno
Medley, Woods	forward	James
Atkinson	forward	Dears
Substitute, Oakland		Shackelford
Referee		C. H. McKnight

Among the Oakland visitors who accompanied the boys were: Mrs. E. L. Hennenger and daughter Bertha, Mrs. Bell, Miss Tessie Dearing, A. Maupin, Richard Bock, F. Watson, Ruel Gray.

Another and more closely contested game took place Friday evening when the Cottage Grove team went to Drain and met that team in their own hall. The building was smaller than our boys were used to which proved a handicap to a degree, however they managed to carry away the laurels in a score of 17 to 14. This was the best game in which they have tangled up with this season, and it is expected that this will be repeated in a return game at this place on Thursday evening, in which event a good crowd should be out to root for our local team. On their trip to Drain our team was accompanied by eleven of their high school mates who did justice to the yells as far as their throats would permit.

Wins \$1000 Prize

Roy Griggs, of Comstock, was the successful contestant for the \$1000 prize given by the Pacific Homestead, one of the leading farm papers of the state published at Salem, for getting the largest number of subscribers during their recent contest.

BOOSTERS MEETING BIG SUCCESS

D. C. Freeman, the Lane county publicity man whose headquarters are at Eugene, and who took the exhibit from this county to the Omaha Land Show, gave a talk on that great exposition of farm products which was highly illustrated with stereopticon views which were brought out at the Arcade Theatre by the moving picture instruments in nice shape, while Mr. Freeman's explanations were highly entertaining and instructive.

During the course of his remarks Mr. Freeman emphasized the importance of more of our people "Returning to the Soil" and at the same time showed how such conditions may exist under circum-

stances far more agreeable than in early days when there were no roads and neighbors miles apart. The slogan at the show, he explained was, "Land without men is a wilderness, and men without land a mob." This means that when more of our people who hang around the cities looking for some one to give them a job go out and subdivide the large acreages into small farms, improve the roads we have and build more, life will, with a great many become worth living, while at present that much can hardly be said for it with thousands. With telephone advantages and good roads, even though one lives several miles from town it is not so bad. The former

demands for certain articles would pay as people in the west could not be expected to work for the wages those receive in the east where thousands are always out of employment and are willing to work for very small pay, and, in the east there are the advantages of greater facilities for the distribution of the products of factories to the markets of the world.

For several years past there has been no line of production that has paid better or enjoyed more steady and strong demands for its products in this country than the farm and it is to be sincerely hoped that more of the good people of the east and even the middle west take greater interest in the farm.



D. C. FREEMAN

MILL AND FACTORIES FOR COTTAGE GROVE

Bright prospects are looming up in Cottage Grove's horizon more clearly as time goes on. The latest is the report that the J. I. Lumber Co. will move their mill from Disston, 20 miles up the O. S. & E. line, to town to be set up in a greatly improved form and that there will be several other industries installed in connection with that plant. We are informed that J. I. Jones, the manager of the mill, has the arrangements under way for the establishment in connection with the mill a saddle-tree factory, a match factory, a board box factory and a paper box factory, the paper to be made from pulp manufactured also in connection with this plant.

This is certainly good news for the people in this entire section. The establishment of factories which will use up raw material which is going to waste under our feet will be of almost incalculable advantage to the community in which they are conducted. At the present time there is an enormous amount of waste at the mill as there is no provision made to utilize the slabs and sawdust. With the pulp and box factories at hand there will be no loss at all, and, in fact, arrangements could be made to use the slabs and dust from other mills along the lines of railroads that are near by.

Sophomore Class Party

The sophomores of the high school held a class party at the home of Myrtle Brewer on Friday evening. Various games were played during the evening—one called the Music Box—Miss Woods received the first prize a beautiful framed picture, and Miss Grace Phelps the booby prize, a toy top. At eleven-thirty refreshments were served by Muriel Robinson and Myrtle Brewer, consisting of bananas and cream, cake and lemonade. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all. Those present were: The Misses Woods, Phelps, Gibler, Rinehart, Marson, Brewer, Robinson and Lea and Messrs. Chambers, Hall, Phelps, Hawkins, Harlow, McCarger, Foster, Stevenson and McDole.

SUGGESTIONS CON- CERNING STREETS

The time is fast approaching when we will need to have a lot more street work done and the money raised to pay for it, and this is a matter for thorough consideration. The money must be forthcoming, and the method to be employed to get that money must be looked into. The way our streets have been made and paid for was by assessing the properties adjacent thereto, which works a very great hardship on the few whose property abutted immediately on these streets. This money should be raised by a special tax for that purpose, and every taxpayer within the corporate limits should pay his pro rata of said tax, and we would get the streets which we all enjoy just the same, and the burden would be so light that none would notice it, and in a few years we would have our city's streets all fixed up in good shape and would hardly have felt the expense, taking up the most needed and worst streets first.

On the other hand, if a street be fixed and a few have to put up for it at a large expense it would no doubt work a hardship, as I know it would on me and a lot of others I know, while everybody gets the benefit of the improvement.

Now, let us all take hold of this matter and all work together and make the burden lighter for everybody and at the same time have good streets and a better town.

A RESIDENT TAXPAYER.

Kebbelbeck-Ream Wedding

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Ream, of "Alterville, on January 8, 1912, when Mr. George M. Kebbelbeck, and Miss Ila Pearl Ream were joined in holy wedlock.

It was at 1 p. m. that about thirty-two relatives and friends of these young people gathered at the Ream home and witnessed the solemn and beautiful ceremony performed by the Rev. Father J. A. Moran, of Eugene.

Mr. Kebbelbeck is employed as chief engineer for the Booth-Kelly Lumber Co. at Deerhorn where his skill and efficient services are highly appreciated by his employers, while the bride is an accomplished and popular young lady who has a wide circle of friends throughout the valley who will join the LEADER in hearty congratulations and best wishes.

They received a large number of beautiful and valuable presents.

Reply to Important Question

In reply to a question from Sheriff Will C. Smith of Josephine county the attorney general yesterday rendered a decision in reference to the foreclosure on certificates of delinquency. The sheriff wishes to know whether such foreclosure can be maintained any time after three years after the tax for which the certificate was issued became delinquent, or whether it is three years from the date of the issuance of such certificate.

The attorney general holds that a foreclosure may be maintained any time after the expiration of three years from the first date which the tax for which it was issued became delinquent.

Tickets are now on sale at The Wave for the William's Jubilee Singers who will be at the Arcade on January 30th.

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