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IDEAS ON GOOD ROADS

Hon. William K. Newell Expresses His Opinion in 100 Pertinent Words.

Hon. Wilbur K. Newell, President of the Oregon State Board of Horticulture, has, at the request of the Oregon Development League, condensed his ideas on Good Roads into one hundred words, and they tell the story:

"Bad roads nullify advertising, repel immigration, increase cost of living, render the automobile useless, and will deprive the farmer of rural free delivery.

"State aid and supervision of road construction is essential.

"In equity—because a public benefit, state should pay twenty-five per cent of the cost, county fifty per cent, and the adjacent property twenty-five per cent.

"For thoroughness—trained engineers and strict supervision of all work.

"For economy—levy taxes and pay as we go, or on short time certificate plan.

"For education—regular and correspondence courses in road building at Oregon Agricultural College and University of Oregon.

"Let us build good roads all summer instead of talking about them all winter."

Pleasant Picnic Party.

A merry party of young people spent Saturday evening at Ellendale. They walked up after six o'clock in the evening, built a big campfire on the rocks about 200 yards above the bridge on the LaCreole, and spent a jolly hour toasting marshmallows over the blaze, walking back to Dallas after dusk. In the party were Misses Edna Hall, Winnie Kelly, Alice and Freda Grant, Ida Thompson, Winnie Launer, Vera Cosper, and Messrs. August Riser, Verne Launer, Lew, Roscoe and Victor Ballantyne, Clarence Reynolds and Edgar Craven.

The regular meeting of the City Council was held last night, the entire session being consumed in the regular routine of business. The total sum of bills allowed was considerably larger than usual owing to the extra expenses of the extensive street improvements that are being carried on.

Roy Finseth will act as bugler for Company H during its stay at the summer encampment, Carl Williams, the regular bugler, being unable to leave his work.

MAKES FULL CONFESSION

Young Man Arrested For Forgery Admits Guilt After Close Examination.

The hearing of Morris Darter, accused of forgery, has been set for next Friday morning at 10 o'clock and the young man was released Thursday evening on bonds offered by his father and by H. G. Campbell.

For several hours after his arrest Thursday afternoon he steadfastly denied any knowledge of the crime of which he was accused, but late in the evening he broke down under close and severe questioning and made a full confession. A search revealed the money he had drawn on the two forged checks hidden in a little knot under one of his garters, and the sheriff, on closer inspection, found another check fully made out but not yet endorsed hidden under his waistband.

Waste Water at Fountain.

The Dallas Furniture Company is considerably annoyed and much of their altruistic work in maintaining a public drinking fountain on the corner of Main and Washington streets, is rendered useless by the careless way in which many people handle the fountain. The pipe inside the box is coiled and the coil is packed in ice, so that when the faucet is opened the water is secured at once. Nevertheless many people open the faucet and allow the water to run for some time under the impression that it becomes cooler under this process. The fact is that in this way all the ice water is run out of the coil and wasted, and the passerby fails to get the cool drink he anticipated. The company is hoping however that the public will finally awake to the fact that the ice water is on top in the fountain, and then the waste that is occasioned every day will cease.

Gray Squirrels Damage Trees.

Considerable damage is being done to the young orchards in this vicinity by gray squirrels. In a number of the young orchards recently planted, they have gnawed the bark at the base of the trees, destroying hundreds of them. Owners of the orchards are waking up to the conditions and a hard and relentless warfare will be waged with traps and poison against the pests.

Mrs. W. J. Southwell, of Falls City, was a Dallas visitor yesterday.

SENDS GOODLY NUMBER

Fifty Men of Company H Leave On Special For American Lake Encampment.

Company H, O. N. G., or at least a goodly representation of that organization, left yesterday morning on the 7 o'clock train for Portland, from which place it will take the special train for American Lake for the two weeks of drill work at the summer encampment of the National Guardsmen of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Active preparations for the departure were begun Saturday evening, and during almost the entire day Sunday, the guardsmen were coming and going at the armory, turning in lists of their equipments to the clerk of the company, or securing their arms and accouterments from the quartermaster.

At 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning, they assembled at the Armory, donned their uniforms and marched to the depot, where amid a lively interchange of good-natured jokes between the men of the company and the crowd that had assembled to bid them farewell, they swarmed onto their special car and started blithely on the first stage of their journey to the encampment.

The representation of the company is quite creditable, and a considerably larger number than was at first anticipated were able to go. There are 45 men beside the captain, lieutenants and the non-commissioned officers in the party.

During their absence, letters sent to any of them should be plainly addressed "Care of Camp David S. Stanley, Tacoma, Washington."

Telegrams, freight and express packages should be sent with the address "Camp David S. Stanley, Murray, Washington."

All messages and packages should also plainly note the company and regiment to which the person to whom they are sent belongs. Company H belongs to the Fourth Infantry regiment of the Oregon National Guards.

Praises J. R. Shepard's Work.

The Oregon Agriculturist recently paid a high tribute to J. R. Shepard, one of Polk county's most extensive and progressive fruit growers, in the following words: "It is mainly due to what J. R. Shepard has done and said that the hills in Polk county west of Salem are fast being covered with cherry orchards. Mr. Shepard has shown the people there that cherry growing can be made a success on those hills, both practically and financially. His magnificent individual display at the Salem Cherry Fair secured for him an array of cups of which any man might well be proud. Characteristically, Mr. Shepard gave Polk county the credit when showing visitors the cherries and the prizes they won."

Apple Crop Promising.

The apple crop this year will be larger than ever before, but it is impossible to say how many carloads will be to ship outside. Last year the crop was very light and the outside shipments amounted to comparatively nothing. Several of the large orchards in this vicinity are looking forward to very large yields this season. The Wallace orchards, for instance, embracing about 45 acres of apples, are especially promising. The same may be said of the Verelore and other large orchards.—Salem Statesman.

Will Send Dabler to Chicago.

It is reported that Ernest Dabler, the daring automobile thief who was recently run to earth and captured by Claud A. Dunn, one of the men whom he victimized during his career of deceit and trickery in Oregon, will be sent from Chehalis, where he is now confined, to Chicago, where he is wanted for several other offenses beside the theft of the gray automobile with which he played such a bold game in the Willamette Valley for two months.

Few Fires in Polk.

Although news is being received daily of terrible and destructive forest fires in the Cascade mountains of Oregon and Washington and in the densely timbered districts of British Columbia, this vicinity has thus far been fortunately almost exempt from the prevailing danger. Only three fires have been reported in the Coast Range in Polk county, all of which are small and are already thoroughly under control.

After the close of the conference of the Evangelical Association at Jennings Lodge near Portland, Professor Metzger, who is now attending that series of meetings, will leave for a short trip through Condon, Irrigon, and other Eastern Oregon cities.

Mrs. J. P. Starr, of Salem, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. George Richmond, of Perrydale, were in Dallas today enroute for Falls City for a few days' visit at the home of her son, Harry Starr.

J. J. Leveck, a prosperous farmer of Lewisville, was a business visitor in Dallas, yesterday.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS SESSION

Merchants Protective Association Meets and Compiles List For Month of August.

The first business meeting of the Retail Merchants' Protective Association of Dallas was held in the Court-house, Friday night, G. N. Cherrington presiding in the absence of U. S. Loughary, the president of the organization. Several lists of names were presented by various members and from these the first official list of the association has been compiled and will go into effect at once.

One of the questions brought before the association and discussed at length was a serious misunderstanding which seems to have arisen among the residents of Dallas and vicinity, as to the purpose of the organization. It appeared that they had gotten the idea that because the list was to be revised every two weeks, it was the intention of the merchants to blacklist everybody who allowed a bill to run more than two weeks without paying.

This is by no means the case. The purpose of the organization in revising the list every two weeks is not to add names to it, if this can be avoided, but to get those names that are on it off as soon as possible. For example, a man owes a bill, and, refusing to pay, is placed on the black list. Perhaps within three days he comes to the merchant he owes, pays the bill and is thereby entitled to have his name removed from the list. If the black list were only revised once each month it would be more than three weeks after the payment of his bill before his name could be stricken from the list. Under the two weeks' system, however, the list would be changed within ten days, and the man who had paid his bill would be fully restored to credit among the other merchants of the organization.

As was clearly made public at the time the Protective Association was first organized, it is not the purpose of its members to annoy or inconvenience their reliable customers in the slightest degree. The black list is merely a method of defense against customers who have proven themselves to be unreliable in the payment of their bills, and will be used only to bring such "dead beats" to settle up their old accounts before they are allowed to get so deeply in debt that it will become almost hopeless to work themselves out again.

The list of the merchants who have thus far been taken into membership in the association is as follows:

U S Loughary	A H Harris
H A Webster	Simonton & Scott
John C Uglow	Allgood & Collins
L D Daniel	Dallas Mercantile
Guy Bros & Dalton	Company
Stowe Bros	W R Ellis
A F Salfieky	Guy Brothers
Hall & Hayes	Johnson Bros
C L Orider	Boyd & Son
L H Shultz	Soehren Ware-
Campbell & Hollis-	house Company
ter	S M Ray & Co
Conrad Stratfin	Miles Davis
C H Morris	Dr S T Donohoe
P A Finseth	Belt & Cherrington

McDONALD-HINSHAW

Popular Members of Baptist Church United in Marriage Sunday Evening.

Miss Rose G. Hinshaw and Mr. Ralph E. McDonald were married in the Baptist Church, Sunday evening, August 2, the Rev. Curtis P. Coe, of McMinnville, officiating.

The church was appropriately decorated for the occasion and a large number of the friends and relatives of the young couple were present. The ceremony was held after the close of the regular church services. Miss Katie Hughes played the "Lohengrin" wedding march as the happy couple entered the church, passed down the aisle, and took their station in front of the pulpit, where the short and impressive ceremony was read. The bride was gowned in light blue silk and wore a beautiful bridal veil. After the close of the ceremony the many friends of the young couple thronged to the front of the church and offered hearty congratulations.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McDonald are well and favorably known among the citizens of Dallas, where they have resided for several years. Mr. McDonald has for some time been in the employ of the Willamette Valley Lumber Company.

The meetings in the Gospel Tent on Mill street were opened Friday night with a large crowd attending, and all of the services, especially the song service proceeding each regular meeting are meeting with ever increasing approval. The services will be held each night of the week between the hours of eight and nine o'clock.

A rather serious fire has been raging in the timber above Falls City around Mills 1 and 2, for nearly a week. For about two days it ran wild, but, by strenuous work, the men succeeded in getting it under control and no serious damage is anticipated.

HOPS PROMISE WELL

Prominent Willamette Valley Dealers Express Hopeful Opinions on the Crop Outlook.

That the quality of the hop crop for 1908 in Oregon will be good, and that the growers may expect to realize a fair price on their commodity, is the general sentiment among the dealers and producers of Salem and vicinity, says the Salem Statesman.

Some discussion was occasioned by an interview published in the Oregonian, Friday, in which Joseph Harris is credited with stating that the growers will make a mistake by picking all their crop this year, and that the world output will be in excess of the market demands.

Although the opinions of the dealers on this point are at variance, it is certain that every grower will harvest his entire crop, provided he has money enough. Estimates of the output of the Oregon fields this year vary from 90,000 to 120,000 bales.

The price will, of course, be controlled by the quality as well as the quantity of the yield. Reports indicate that the condition of the hops is excellent. However, bad weather at any time before September would undoubtedly cause mold. Lice are reported to be general, but with favorable weather they will not injure the crop.

T. A. Livesly yesterday said: "The quality of hops this year will be good, barring bad weather. It is too early to forecast the price on account of the uncertainty of the weather. There will be no mold unless rain sets in. My estimate of the output of Oregon fields this year is about 100,000 bales."

John Carmichael said: "It is impossible to predict the price. Indications are that the quality will be good. The product will total from 100,000 to 120,000 bales."

Reports from the Krebs brothers' yards at Independence and Brooks are that the hops are in fine condition.

A prominent grower said yesterday: "Hop lice are common, but will do no damage with present weather continuing. The hops will mature early. I do not know of any grower who does not expect to harvest his entire crop."

Report of Free Library.

Although July and August are proverbially the dull months of the year in all departments, the report of the librarian of the Dallas Free Library shows July to have been a comparatively busy month, and August is apparently beginning almost as actively as if the city boasted its full number of inhabitants instead of a large part of them being away on vacation trips to the mountains and the seashore. The itemized report for the month just closed is as follows: books loaned, 611; 402 fiction; 48 non-fiction; 163 children's books; number of callers, 1210; new borrowers cards issued 16. During August and September the library and reading room will be closed on Sundays.

Apportionment is Large.

The report of State Treasurer Steel shows the annual apportionment of the state irreducible school fund, which is made on the first day of August of each year. Taken with the April apportionment of \$119,100, the total is \$256,067.20, the largest apportionment in the state's history. Polk county's share of the apportionment for April 21, 1908 was \$3,000, and for August 1, 1908 it was \$3,318.40, making a total of \$6,318.40. The number of school children of school age in the county is 3,949.

Street Work Well Advanced.

As soon as the cement curbing which is being constructed on Mill street between Main and Church streets is completed, the construction crew will begin excavating for laying macadam on that block. Three of the nine blocks in the improvement district are already practically finished and the work on two others on Court street is far advanced. The entire improvement district will probably be easily completed before the beginning of the Fall rainy season. The crew at the rock crusher has been considerably increased, and the machine is able to supply the rock as fast as the wagons can haul it away from the bins.

Claman's Players Coming.

Claman's players will produce the popular western drama "On The Frontier" at the Woodman Hall, Thursday evening. The company carries its own full equipment of appropriate scenery and, its production, being carefully worked out in every detail, has been received with marked favor wherever it has been put on. Seats are now on sale at Belt & Cherrington's drugstore.

Tinners in the hardware establishments of this city are busy making the big sheet iron pipes for the hop driers in this vicinity. They say that in spite of the reduction of the hop acreage this season and the consequent lessening of the crop in prospect, the demand for these supplies is almost as great as ever.

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