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POULTRYMEN TO BE EDUCATED AT NEXT SHOW

HEAD OF AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE DEPARTMENT PROMISES TO GIVE PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATIONS.

NEED OF MORE INFORMATION

Killing, Dressing and Caponizing to Be Explained By Expert—Polk County Poultry Association Preparing For Valuable Features in Connection With Annual Exhibition.

The next annual show of the Polk County Poultry association is to be not only a competitive exhibition of the different entries of thoroughbred poultry, but will be made still more attractive by the addition of several new features that will appeal strongly to all who are interested in the efforts to promote the production of eggs and fowls in this vicinity. It is to take on the character of a breeder's institute, and practical demonstrations are to be given for the benefit of those who appreciate the fact that there is much to learn in that business as well as in others.

From a letter received by Mrs. Winnie Braden, secretary of the association, it is learned that Professor James Dryden, head of the Department of Poultry Husbandry of the Oregon Agricultural college, who is known as one of the best informed men on the subject in the United States, will be in attendance at the show in December to give instructions on several phases of the industry. Special reference will be made to preparing poultry for market, and he will give personal demonstrations of killing, dressing and caponizing birds.

Requisites Lacking.
According to the experience of commission merchants and employees of the transportation companies, there is a woeful lack of care on the part of those who ship poultry out of this city. Whether the cause is due to indifference or ignorance, the effect is the same in that it lowers the market value of the produce when it is received at its destination. In nearly every case the commission merchant or consignee is blamed for the difference in price, when in reality it is the fault of the consignor. Overriding the shipping crates is one of the most common mistakes made and occurs much more frequently than is generally supposed. Other defects are shown in preparing dressed poultry. It is to overcome these and others of equally destructive effects that the course of teaching mentioned is being arranged for. It is also expected that Professor Dryden will be enabled to give a demonstration of his discoveries on the effects of various food stuffs on the color of eggs. It is possible, according to experiments made by him, to change the color of the yolks by the use of different kinds of foods.

WERE GIVEN FAREWELL PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Starr Entertained By Circle.
A farewell party was given in Woodman hall last Wednesday night by the Circle No. 23. Women of Woodcraft, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Starr, members of the order who will leave this morning for Portland to reside. The affair was in the nature of a valentine party and Mr. Starr was the grand prize for getting the most hearts, while Wayne Greenwood was given the booby for having gotten the least number. A light luncheon was served. Miss Mamie Montgomery, of Salem, district organizer, was present.

1800 Attend Course.

Corvallis, Or., Feb. 15.—Registrar H. M. Tennant, of the Oregon Agricultural college, estimates the total enrollment in the winter short course farmers' week and poultry show as something over 1800, although the final figures have not been turned in by all departments of instruction.

PLANS OF NEW CEMENT COMPANY GET BOOST

U. S. Marines at Guantanamo, Our Great Cuban Naval Base

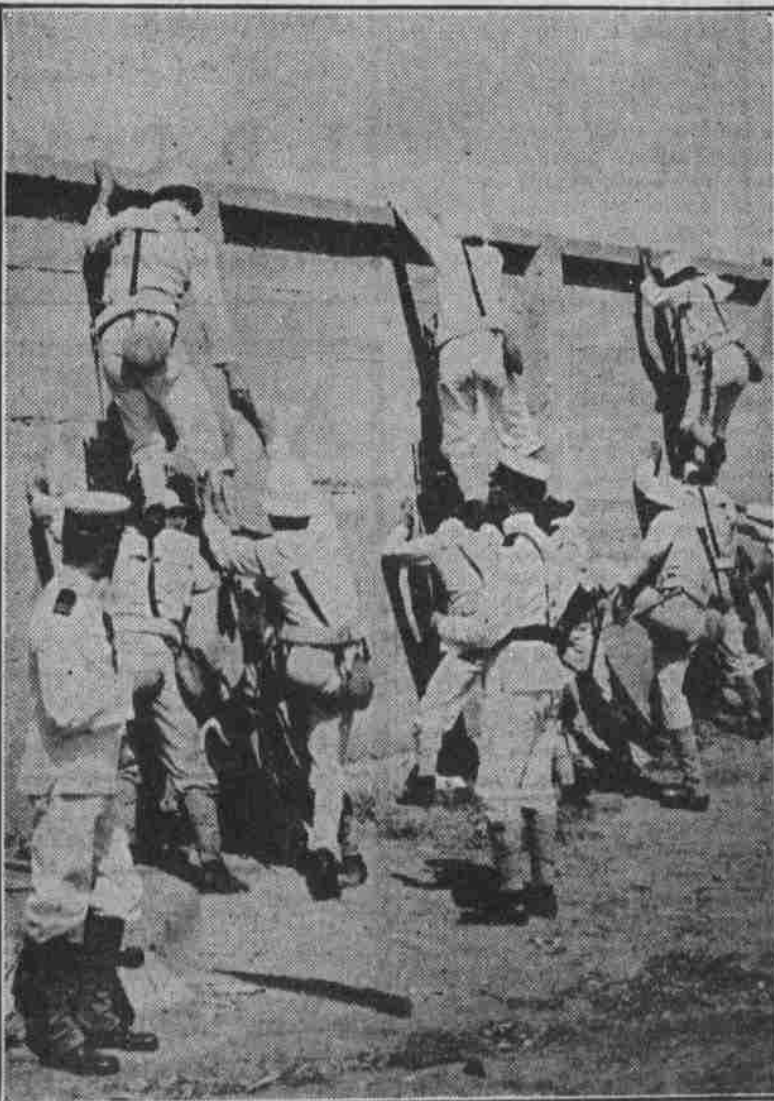


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If the United States government should be obliged by the continuation of the disorders in Cuba to intervene for the third time in the internal affairs of that island it would probably make use of its naval station at Guantanamo, on the bay of the same name, thirty-seven miles east of Santiago. Upward of \$10,000,000 has been spent upon the thirty square miles of territory which was granted to the United States by treaty in the building of docks, machine shops, storage houses, etc. Practically the whole Atlantic fleet is making the station its base and would be available for instant service, as well as the soldiers and marines, 3,000 of whom it is the custom of the government to maintain there. The general staff of the army at Washington has long been prepared for an emergency in Cuba, with plans matured for disembarking several thousand troops within a few days' notice.

DALLAS TO BE GATEWAY

COMMITTEE DRAFTS NEW TAX LAW

FOUR NEW MEASURES TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS.

Lists Includes Tax Amendment, Model Inheritance Law and Exemption Bill.

Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—Deciding upon four measures having for their object the revision of the tax system of the state, and which will be submitted to the voters at the next general election, the legislative tax committee which has been in session here for two days concluded its labors yesterday afternoon and adjourned. Whether future meetings will be held has not been determined upon. The measures settled upon were: An income tax amendment; a model inheritance tax law; a law exempting household goods, and a law exempting notes and mortgages.

Income Tax.
The income tax amendment is patterned after that adopted by Wisconsin, and it paves the way for the adoption of a law substituting an income tax for the present personal property tax. The inheritance tax law is framed after that of New York and its principal object will be to bring about a classification of the property to be taxed. The exemption law was made broad enough at first to include mechanics and farmers.

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ANOTHER SAWMILL AND NEW LOGGING ROAD PROBABLE IN VIEW OF SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENTS.

Efforts to Open Up Immense Timber

Holdings on Upper LaCreole Start Rumors of Big Commercial Development Here—Commercial Club Takes Action On Railroad Cases.

Through the medium of a resolution adopted by the Commercial club at its special meeting last Wednesday night, steps were taken that are expected to make Dallas the gateway for seven hundred million feet of lumber on its way from the virgin forests of the headwaters of the LaCreole to the markets of the world. Visions of another sawmill in this city supplied by trainloads of logs to come over a new railroad leading down from the mountains, are conjured up by the predictions of some who are acquainted with the situation and its possibilities. Thousands of acres of timbered land in this county, it is announced, are unmarketable on account of a government suit now pending in the courts, and the purpose of the resolution is to obtain relief by the passage of a bill that is before congress.

Since the closing of the old Spalding mill in Northwest Dallas, a few years ago, the plant there has lain idle, and the practice of floating logs down the LaCreole has ceased. Now, in view of the efforts that are being made to clear title to the immense body of timber lands owned by the Spalding people and others on the upper LaCreole, it is rumored the

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STOCK SALES ARE FAVORED

DALLAS PEOPLE URGED TO ASSIST IN ORGANIZATION.

Agreement is Presented; Resolutions in Congress Asks Relief For Land Owners in Railroad Land Grant.

Following a report of the special committee appointed to investigate the proposition, the Dallas Commercial club, at a special meeting Wednesday night, endorsed the plan proposed by the Oregon Portland Cement company to establish a plant in or near Dallas in return for the sale of stock subscriptions to Dallas citizens. Chairman George T. Gerlinger, of the special committee had had several conferences with the cement people, and was of the opinion that the scheme should be adopted. The tentative outline of an agreement acceptable to the company and to Dallas, was presented which provided that the capital stock of the company should be \$750,000 but, unless \$500,000 of the stock shall have been subscribed prior to June 1, 1912, there is to be no incorporation. Active construction of the plant must begin not later than July 1, 1912 and be rushed to completion and be placed in operation as soon as possible. The committee recommended that the club lend its assistance to the organization of the company and the sale of the stock.

To Relieve Timber Owners.
George T. Gerlinger presented a resolution, which was adopted, asking the government to provide means for the relief of timber land owners who, prior to April, 1908, purchased land comprising a portion of the California & Oregon railroad land grant which had since been in litigation. The resolution explained

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FANS PREDICT HOT CONTEST HERE

"PRIDE OF THE WALDO HILLS" IS HUSKY TEAM.

Dallas Militia Basket Ball Players to Defend Honors at Swift Game Tomorrow Night.

Unless the predictions of the basket ball fans of this city go entirely wrong, the spectators at tomorrow night's game in the Armory will be treated to one of the fastest and most furious exhibitions of basket ball witnessed in this city since the famous Portage quintet succumbed to the superior playing and team work of the local basket ball machine. Silverton is out to win, and has the reputation of carrying the game into the enemy's territory with vim and vigor. The team is composed of a husky lot of athletes, and has been playing together for years, with the exception of the two stars that are reported as having been secured from Portland. Report has come to Dallas that Silverton will have in its line-up on Saturday evening two of the best basket ball players in the Northwest, and they will not exactly be from Silverton either.

Expect Hard Game.
The Dallas team expects a hard game, but are not at all doubtful as to the final result. They are just as determined as Silverton to win, and

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ROADWAY SCHOOL MONDAY

Agricultural College Expert To Demonstrate.

The first road supervisors' school ever held in Polk county is to open here next Monday afternoon at 1 p. m. in the circuit court room of the court house. Ernest F. Ayres, head of the department of highway construction of the Agricultural college at Corvallis, will have charge, and will give practical instruction on the basic principles required in building public roads in this locality. Every road supervisor in the county is expected to be in attendance. The school will be in session two days and perhaps longer. Everyone who is interested in the subject of good roads is invited to attend, as the meetings are open to all.

MORE LECTURES ON HORTICULTURE

DALLAS FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION PLANS INSTRUCTION.

Subjects of Prune Growing and Small Fruit Production All to Be Taken Up Here Next.

Encouraged by the success of the recent lecture on apple growing that was given in this city by A. I. Mason, of Hood River, under the auspices of the Dallas Fruit Growers' association, that organization is planning to present several more attractions of the same nature.

It is expected that the next lecture will be on the subject of prunes and prune growing, as it is the intention to obtain some competent authority on that branch of horticulture to come here to give the benefit of his study and experience.

Following that, it is hoped to have one meeting devoted to small fruit growing, as that is an industry that is now on the eve of rapid development here. Due announcement of the dates, subjects and places of meeting will be made through the columns of The Observer, as usual.

TAXES NOW BEING PAID AT VERY LIVELY RATE

Sheriff's Grant's Statements Bring Quick Response From Polk Property Owners.

The statements which have been sent out from the sheriff's office to taxpayers of the county showing their indebtedness according to the assessment for the year 1910 have met with quick response, and the force of deputies are kept busy receiving money, looking up descriptions and making out receipts. A three per cent rebate is allowed on all taxes paid in full on or before March 15, and many are anxious to avail themselves of the discount. Half of the amount of taxes may be paid now or any time up to and including April 3. An extension of time for the remaining half is made until October 2.

Taxes unpaid after the first of April are declared delinquent, and thereafter a penalty of ten per cent is added with a further charge of two per cent per month until paid. Property on which taxes have not been paid by the first of July will be advertised for taxes, and the cost of advertising will be added to the amount.

DALLAS BEATS MONMOUTH

Local Team Wins Wednesday Night Game Here.

The basket ball game in the rink in this city Wednesday night resulted in a victory for Dallas High school over the high school team from Monmouth, the score being 22 to 18.

The local team will go to Newberg tonight for a game with the high school team there. It was planned to take a trip to Southern Oregon to meet some of the teams, but the latter have failed to come to the scratch and the tour is declared off for the present.

BREATH OF SPRING CALLS FORTH ASPIRANTS

REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS

COME OUT WITH PETITIONS FOR CHANCE TO BE NOMINATED.

APPEAL OF "FRIENDS" HEARD

List of Applications Already on File in the Office of the County Clerk—Many Voters Register For the Privilege of Voting at Primary Nominating Elections.

With the bursting of the buds of the wild currant, fondled by the balmy southwest breezes and cradled by the alternating showers and sunshine of an Oregon day in early spring, comes also the unfolding of the dreams and aspirations of the political candidate, who shuts his eyes, places himself in the hands of his friends and trusts to Providence and the protecting care of the Australian ballot system as exemplified in this state up to the hour of going to press. The call to duty has been heard in several places lately, and as far as known not a man has failed to answer the summons of his "friends." The result is that petitions for the privilege of getting defeated at the coming primary nominating elections to be held in April are as thick as rosebuds in June.

Applications of office seekers to have their names placed on the official ballot at that time are already on file in the office of the county clerk, as may be seen from the following list copied therefrom:

Republicans.
County clerk—E. M. Smith, Dallas. County commissioner—J. A. Baxter Perrydale.
Assessor—W. A. Ayres, Dallas; Arthur Allen, Rickreall.
Surveyor—Benjamin F. Beezley, Falls City.
Coroner—R. L. Chapman, Dallas. School Superintendent—H. C. Seymour, Dallas.

Democrats.
Sheriff—J. M. Grant, Dallas. Commissioner—A. H. Wyatt, McCoy.
Assessor—Finley Edgar, Rickreall. Treasurer—Tracy Staats, Dallas.
So far as is known, C. S. Graves, county assessor, is the only present officer who has announced himself as not being a candidate for reelection. He has different ambitions, and when his term of office expires will busy himself with his prune orchard near Ballston and live the simple life free from the cares of politics.

Many Registering.
Registration of voters is increasing as the days go by and as the date of the primary election draws nearer and nearer. The total now has reached 974, divided according to party affiliation as follows: Republican 597; democrats 282; socialists 48; independents 31; prohibitionists 33; no party given 3.

PRELIMINARY LIBRARY PLANS GO TO CARNEGIE

A meeting was held Tuesday night in the Public Library rooms by the special committee appointed by the city council to consider plans for the proposed \$10,000 library building to be erected in this city by Andrew Carnegie. Mayor J. R. Craven, Mrs. George Gerlinger and Councilman Tracy Staats, H. B. Cosper, and H. L. Fenton composing the committee were present.

Final consideration of the preliminary plans submitted by Morrison & McConnell, of this city, resulted in approval, and the plans will now be sent east to Mr. Carnegie for his inspection. If they meet his favor they will be returned here and will be worked out in detail, after which work will be commenced as soon as possible.

Cook county's commissioners have taken steps to start rock road building.